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Negroes Will Hold Big Convention Here

Daughters Of Africa And Ancient United Kings To Meet Here In August.

Plans are being made now to entertain more than three thousand Negro people in Toledo during the first week in August when the twentieth annual session of the national grand council and fifth annual encampment of the Ancient United Kings and Daughters of Africa is held here with meetings in the Third Baptist church, Pinewood and Division streets, and camp for the uniform rank is established at the Stickney avenue show grounds.

There will be about 1500 men in the uniformed ranks under the command of Major General J. A. Shackelford.

The sessions will be presided over by William Herbert Fields of St. Louis, grand master of the council.

The meetings are to be held here for six days, beginning August 1, and will attract representatives of the order from all parts of the country and some from nearby possessions.

One of the big features will be the Mardi Gras parade on Monday evening, July 2 at 8 o'clock. Another big event will be the parade of all the uniform ranks and drill teams at noon on Friday, August 5. And that same evening there will be a big military ball at the Lucas County armory.

Several hundred of the visitors will be received into homes of Negro citizens of Toledo.

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1,000 Delegates At National Negro Meet

Mardi Gras And Parade Of Uniform Order Tuesday Night.

More than 1000 delegates attended the session of the Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa at the Third Baptist church Monday.

The principal speaker of the day was William Herbert Fields, national grand master of the order, which boasts a membership of more than 40,000 among the Negroes of 26 states.

Fields reviewed the work of the order in the last year and thanked the delegates for their cooperation in gaining new members. Other delegates who spoke were Rev. S. D. Davis, St. Louis, national grand secretary-treasurer; B. F. Williams, pastor of the Third Baptist church; Mrs. Harriet Stewart, Toledo, and Mrs. Ada Goines, state grand queen of Indiana.

Following the appointment of a credential committee, the session was adjourned after a resolution was adopted honoring the memory of Dr. George M. Cathrell, national grand secretary, who died in September, 1926. The great camp of the military order of the society at the Stickney avenue show grounds has been named George M. Cathrell camp.

Tuesday will be given over to the reports of the national grand officers and to the annual address of the national grand master. In connection with the reports, the Fields gold medal will be awarded to the most excellent queen or member of the council who has brought in the most members during the year. A second award will be made of the Cathrell bronze medal.

A mardi gras parade of the uniformed orders will be held in the downtown district Tuesday night.

A. U. K. AND D. OF A. MEETING AT TOLEDO, O.

Twentieth Annual Session Opens With Large Delegation From Many States. The Military Department Makes Spectacular Display

Special to the St. Louis Argus

TOLEDO, Ohio., August 1 — The Twentieth Annual Session of the National Grand Council of the A. U. K. and D. of A. and the 5th National encampment of the uniform ranks of St. Louis, Mo., of which the Hon. Wm. H. Fields is the National Grand Master, and commander-in-chief of the military department, opened its session and encampment here today at the Third Baptist Church corner Pinewood and Division Sts. Long before the opening throngs of people had gathered about the church. The session was called at 10:45. Music and devotionals were led by grand chaplain T. L. Scott and the A. U. K. and D. of A. Choir of Chicago, Ill. Hon. Francis M. Dodson of Toledo, Ohio, represented the Mayor in deliverng the welcome address which was responded to by Prof. B. H. Mosby of Chicago. The organization of the convention and the appointment of the committees on credentials and the introduction of the Military department by Major general Shackleford in the following order:

1st Regiment and Band of Cleveland, Ohio; 2nd Regiment and Band of Columbus, Ohio; 3rd Regiment and Band of Cincinnatti, Ohio; 1st Regiment and Band of Indianapolis, Ind.; 1st Regiment and Band of Chicago, Ill.

1st Regiment and Band of St. Louis, Mo., consumed the morning session, followed by reports in the afternoon of the committee on credentials, adjournment of the Grand Council on resolutions presented by M. T. Bailey of Chicago, to honor the memory of the late grand Sec. Treas., Dr. Geo. M. Cathrell, who died in St. Louis in September, 1926. Tuesday the National Grand Master appointed permanent committees and the annual reports of the Grand master, deputies, district deputies, State Grand Queen, Most Excellent Queen and reports of the various councils. Tuesday Military department of grand Mardra gras parade. Wednesday, a completion of reports and an evening at the camp grounds with the Mayor and the city officers. Thursday a final report of all standing committees and election of officers. A spectacular Parade of the Military department over the principle streets which was witnessed by thousands of spectators.

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American Woodmen.

AMERICAN WOODMEN OPEN MEETING IN KANSAS CITY

Delegates Arrive By Hundreds For Confab of Fraternal Insurance Organization. Many Features Fill Splendid Program

KANSAS CITY, June 22.—Delegates from eight states arrived in Kansas City Monday for the district convention of American Woodmen, fraternal insurance organization, at the Ebenezer A. M. E. church, sixteenth street and Lydia avenue.

More than 850 delegates had arrived at noon. The convention was expected to draw 3,000 visitors and delegates.

A business session was held Monday morning in the church.

The formal opening of the convention, which will continue through Friday, was held Monday night in St. Stephen's Baptist church, 910 Harrison street.

The welcoming address was made by T. B. Watkins, Dr. E. D. W. Abner, supreme commander of the organization, delivered the response. Other speakers included Mrs. Ida M. Beck of the federated clubs, the Rev. J. W. Hurst, pastor of St. Stephens's church; Mayor Albert I. Beach, Lou E. Holland, president of the Chamber of Commerce and R. C. Kemper. Special musical numbers were given by the Ebenezer A. M. E choir and the St. Stephen's choir.

A military parade was a part of Thursday's program. Other features of the week wil be competitive drills and motor car tours over the city.

N. S. Adkins, master of ceremonies in charge of all local arrangements

officers for the year. Camp discussions for the good of the order followed, with the following speakers taking leading parts: T. A. Taylor, Atlanta; O. C. Quarterman, Savannah; G. W. Childs, Ensley; J. P. Porter, Nashville; E. D. Caldwell, Greenville; E. S. Lott, Columbia and C. C. Trimble, national supervisor of Louisville.

The morning session was given to the discussion of the operation of the local camp, with much interest being manifested. Dr. E. W. D. Abner, supreme commander, opened the day's session with a talk bearing on it's work. He said the watchword would be to increase the organization numerically, financially and to educate. He further urged the delegates to serve God, respect the laws of the land, and educate their children.

The annual address of the retiring district commander, was made by Prof. J. N. Crooms, Sanford. The session for the day closed with a twilight parade and block promenade. A. S. Morgan was in charge.

Among those attending the convention are: H. J. Lamar, J. E. McKenZie, Phassidia Brown, Susie Idlett, Percy Rutherford and W. F. Boykin of Alabama; M. A. Johnes, J. B. Bennett, Thelma Pleasant, L. M. McDaniels; H. C. Allen and D. B. Harris of Florida; Thomas M. Williams, Jesse Herndon and J. W. Hopkins of South Carolina; D. B. C. Perry, M. E. Rambo, J. W. Spearman, M. H. Bogan, Willie C. Davis, Bessie M. Holloman, of South Carolina; W. H. Pearson, Henrietta Henderson, Eliza McCree, Louise Mason, L. A. Alexander, James Gaffney of Newton, Mary Taylor, Minnie O. Newton and Dr. A. Whittaker of Tennessee.

The district, Number two, is composed of six southern states. Uniformed ranks, and representatives of all departments are attending the convention. The delegates are in encampment at Gunter Park, as are three bands, who are furnishing music for the occasion.

Monday the field workers' conference was held, and the formal opening at the state normal school. Music was given by the choir of the church. Talks given by leaders in the organization were heartily received. The speakers included: Dr. E. W. Abner, supreme commander; Dr. Lawrence, principal of the Washington High school, C. C. Tremble, Major A. S. Morgan, St. Louis, and Sister M. J. Smith.

Among the officials attending the meet are: J. N. Croons and wife, Sanford; Simmie Smith, Jacksonville; T. A. Taylor, Atlanta; G. King, and Bessie McCall, of Charlotte, N. C.; M. E. Shepperd, Savannah; S. J. Rountree, Burnsville; C. E. Davis, Fitzgerald; A. J. Graham, Tampa; H. O. Allen, Pensacola; Ruth Reese, Selma; C. P. Nix, Dothan; H. J. Lamier, Perdue; R. E. Cooledge, Dawson; C. C. Tremble, national supervisor; E. W. Abner, G. W. Chiles, J. D. German, J. L. Hill, E. E. Caldwell, Simmie Smith, Anna H. Hathhery, of Fla.; W. J. Rodgers, Sister O. G. Quarterman, E. A. Nicholson, of Ga.; C. E. Williams, of N. C.; J. J. Taylor, J. W. Hopkins, E. D. Lott, J. P. Porters, J. A. Bradford, Sister M. I. Smith, of Philadelphia; Dr. T. J. Linton, Atlanta; Dr. W. C. Smith, of Dallas and J. N. Crooms, Fla.

More than 1,000 delegates with their guests are encamped at the Union League Park, Fiftenth and H streets northeast. The business sessions held in the Vermant Avenue Church. Two parades were held, one Tuesday evening and the principal one at noon Thursday, on U street between Eighteenth and Florida avenue.

Sessions of the district convention of American Woodmen yesterday at the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church, related to business principles connected with management of local camps, the qualifications and duties of camp officers, the keeping of camp records, management of funds, and establishment of model camps. A special field workers' conference yesterday afternoon considered extension problems including territorial surveys of employment conditions, wages, home ownership, and organization.

The juvenile department presented at the headquarters "The Papeant of Goodcraft," in three episodes. The first "Woodmen of Yesterday," was in tribute to the late supreme commander, C. M. White. The "Woodmen of Today," the second, ilustrated the supreme camp and subordinate camps, their officials and the uniform rank department. The juveniles and "brush burners" were set forth in the third episode.

The delegates were received and are being entertained by A. T. Washington, district supervisor and supreme escort, with the assistance of the six Washington camps.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Star

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COLORED WOODMEN CONVENE TONIGHT

Welcoming Address to Delegates to Be Delivered by Dr. Emmett J. Scott.

The district convention and uniform rank encampment of the American Woodmen, Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia, represent the third district.

More than 1,000 delegates with their guests are encamped at the Union League Park, Fifteenth and H streets northeast. The business sessions will be held in the Vermont Avenue Church. Two parades will be held, one tomorrow evening and the principal one at noon Thursday, on U street between Eighteenth street and Florida avenue. A "Pageant of Woodcraft" is to be given by the junior department Wednesday night in the Dunbar High School Auditorium.

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KANSAS CITY, MO.

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NEGROES FROM 8 STATES ARRIVE

Fraternal Insurance Convention Holds Business Session.

Delegates from eight states are arriving in Kansas City today from the district convention of American Woodmen, a Negro fraternal insurance organization, at the Ebenezer A. M. E. church, Sixteenth street and Lydia avenue.

More than 850 delegates had arrived at noon. The convention is expected to draw 3,000 visitors and delegates.

A business session was held this morning in the church.

The formal opening of the convention, which will continue through Friday, will be at 8 o'clock tonight in St. Stephen's Baptist church, 910 Harrison street.

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OFFICERS ELECTED BY NEGRO WOODMEN

J. S. Rountree Chosen District Commander of American Woodmen

Election of officers and formation drills featured the Wednesday program of the American Woodmen district convention, now in progress in Montgomery. The Negro uniformed ranks and kindred organizations are in camp at Gunter Park.

J. G. Rountree was elected as district commander, with a full force of

NEGRO WOODMEN BEGIN CONVENTION

District Meeting of Colored Fraternal Society To Run Through Saturday

District convention of the American Woodmen, one of the largest negro fraternal organizations in the country, opened Tuesday at St. John's A. M. E. church on Madison avenue. The convention will close Saturday.

AMERICAN WOODMEN HOLD CONVENTION

Welcoming Address to Delegates Delivered by Dr. Emmett J. Scott.

The district convention and uniform rank encampment of the American Woodmen opened at the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church at 8 o'clock, with a welcoming address on behalf of the city by Dr. Emmett J. Scott, secretary-treasurer of Howard University. Others who spoke were Dr. John R. Hawkins and Dean J. W. Haywood, supreme prelate of the American Woodmen.

The convention, which is composed of delegates from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Maryland, Missouri, New

WOODMEN NOW HAVE ASSETS OF $1,581,937

Order Holds Biggest Session In History At Nation's Capital.

HELPED TO REBUILD MOB TORN TULSA

Real Estate Department Has Loaned Total Of More Than Half Million.

WASHINGTON, D. C.— **With reports showing that it had increased its assets from $637,000 in 1901 to $1,581,793 in 1927 the American Woodmen of the World closed their convention here, Friday.**

The sesison, which brought together national officers and delegates from all sections of the country was one of the biggest in its history. The reports also showed that benefits paid out since its organization amount to $1,783,458.

The Woodmen organization is licensed by the Insurance Department of Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, North Carolina, Iowa, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Utah and Delaware.

Helped Tulsa

Included in the half million dollars it has loaned through its real estate department was the substantial help given Tulsa, Okla., following the destructive race riot there. One of its main features is also a juvenile department, which specializes in teaching the rudiments of business to children.

Officers elected were: E. R. Laws, district commander; Jessie Mennins, vice district commander; Mabel Cook, district clerk; Mrs. Dean, district auditor; and J. T. Bush, district watchman; Mrs. Hattie M. Bush, district recorder; August Mariana, district escort.

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Chain.

Durham Has A New Fraternity

By B. J. SPRATLEY

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA.

The first public appearance of the "Chain", a new non-fraternity, was Wednesday night at which time it presented "Millions In It" at the Wonderland Theatre. On the following night, ten new members were initiated.

Ten young men marched down the street chained one behind the other with bells ringing and whistles blowing.

Those initiated into the organization were J. S. Hughson, Asst. Cashier Mechanics' & Farmers' Bank; J. T. Taylor, Professor of History, N. C. College for Negroes; E. D. Jones, president Golden Crown Mfg. Co.; G. M. Busby, Jas. Hawkins, P. J. Cook, Marion Johnson, W. H. Dunston, W. C. Pratt, students, N. C. College for Negroes; L. R. Spaulding, student, Shaw University.

The Chain aims to "link-up" the talents of the race in all lines of endeavor and encourage the utilization and cultivation of them. It has already received requests for the establishment of Posts (or chapters

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Eastern Star.

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Pine Bluff Ark

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NEGRO EASTERN STAR IN CONVENTION HERE

Anti-Tubercular Work Stressed In First Day's Sessions Yesterday

The forty-second session of the grand chapter African Order of the Eastern Star, Arkansas jurisdiction, convened here in the grand Masonic temple, Fourth and State streets, yesterday, Mary J. Johnson, of Arkansas City, presiding.

More than 400 women from all parts of the state are attending. The appointment of committees and the hearing of the grand officers' reports consumed most of the first day's business.

The keynote of the convention is economy and the rapid dispatch of business: "We did not come to play. Time is too precious; there are too many depending upon us at home. Let us legislate for the good of all. We must assist the leaders of this state in the rehabilitating of this state. We are not discouraged. The Lord has wonderfully blessed us, and we need to take courage, and move on."

The chief adress to the convention the first afternoon was delivered by Florence Williams. Little Rock, state representative of the tuberculosis sanitarium for negroes "We are living too fast. We must decrease our death rate. This can be done by reducing our evil habits to the minimum. Take care of the children. They are the future men and women. Feed them less meats but more fruit, milk, vegeables, common foods are the best to give. Better ventilation, more careful screening of our homes and outhouses and general sanitation should be our constant guides.

"Any time you need me, and want to put on a health program, call me or write me at the state sanitorium Little Rock, and I will come. It does not cost you one cent. We have the ground already donated, and the state legislature made an appropriation of $30,000 for building purposes. This will be available, when ready for use. All of the negro secret societies that I have attended this season, as well as last year, have made substantial donations to this fund. You are helping yourselves when you make such donations. I want to thank you in advance, for what you do in this direction. Make your checks payable to the tuberculosis association," she said in her address.

The Eastern Star, in line with the other societies in the state, made an appropriation. The convention will close Thursday evening. The following officers read their annual reports Tuesday evening. Mary J. Johnson, Arkansas City; Prof. H. W. Wheeler, Arkadelphia; Ozella Ball, Earle; Dr. J. H. Clayborn, Arkadelphia; C. Swayzee, Pine Bluff; Hon. Lady S. A. Bragg, Washington; Hon. Lady Annie Gilliams, Little Rock; Hon. Lady Willie Elliott; Hon Lady Sallie Young, Pine Bluff; Hon. Lady H. Y. Yerger, Hope; Judge S. A. Jones, Little Rock.

S. A. Jones' report dealt with every phase of the fraternal and insurance side of the order. Considerable comment in a praiseworthy way was made on Attorney Jones' report. He has no opposition for re-election. Today will be utilized in hearing reports of the grand officers. New laws and considering resolutions will feature the second afternoon's work. Hon. Lady Lilla N. Jaminson of Fort Smith, the royal grand juvenile matron read her annual report, and gave the grand court a beautiful program with a gala affair with boys and girls that shall make up the grnd chpter of tomorrow.

Prof. D. W. McKenzie, Marianna, and Hon. Lady Lula B. West, Hensely, were appointed the committee on the grand secretarys' report Prof. W. R. Springer, Marianna, and Hon. Lady H. E. Carolina, of Little Rock were appointed on the group for the grand matrons' annual address. Other committees will be announced by the grand matron.

Resolutions were read to the effect that members in the flooded districts, shall be given more time, that the ordinary members, in paying their quarterly endowment. Retrenchment seems to be the word that is being passed around by all in the chapter.

The organization collected more than $92,000 last year and paid out more than $70,000 in death claims and expenses. The order was reported 95 per cent solvent.

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Eastern Star

STARS HEADED FOR ANNISTON; CROWD TO ATTEND

The the Eastern Stars of Alabama under the head and direction of Mrs. Janie M. Balasco, of Mobile, Alabama, and Rev. I. H. Rose, of Wetumpka, Alabama, is a power of strength and race progress, continues to demonstrate itself as reports come in from the various sections of the state. The order never was in better condition, the membership happier, and the official family in more perfect accord.

When the Grand Chapter meets in Anniston Tuesday, July 19th, for its annual session it is believed that the largest gathering of Eastern Stars will assemble of any in the history of the order, and unequalled by any fraternal order body in America. This is to say it will be the largest among women fraternities.

When seen by a representative of The Birmingham Reporter, Mrs. Janie M. Balasco was in fine spirit about the Eastern Stars of Alabama, and spoke effectively and satisfactorily about the various chapters of the State, and the fine work that they are doing throughout the jurisdiction. She was of the opinion that the meeting in Anniston would be unusual, because of its large attendance, and the excellent reports that will be made at that session. She was also of the opinion that the increases made this year, notwithstanding the depressions throughout the country, would be surprising to the membership, and should be encouraging to everyone interested in race enterprise as operated through fraternal institutions.

The Grand Lecturers are covering their territory in a most efficient manner, and the membership is not suffering for the information, and instruction necessary to keep the chapters active, and progressive.

Grand Patron I. H. Rose has had an ill attack this fraternal year, but from all reports he is getting along beautifully, and is also greatly encouraged over the work being done by the many chapters, and the Grand officers of the State.

Special trains will be run from Birmingham to Anniston, and special low rates are promised. The Grand Lodge of Masons, and the Eastern Star Grand Chapter will open Tuesday morning at 10 A. M., July 19th.

HERALD

Bristol - Va

JUL 18 1927

STATE NEGRO EASTERN STAR MEETING HERE

More Than 160 Delegates From Throughout State in Attendance

More than 160 delegates, representing 120 chapters, are in attendance at the twenty-sixth annual colored Eastern Star convention of Virginia, no win session at the Lee Street colored church of Bristol, located at the intersection of Lee and Sycamore Streets. The convention opened here last evening, with the church packed to its capacity with local members of the order, their friends, and visiting delegates. Col. R. T. Stewart of Newport News, Va., grand worthy patron of the state of Virgfinia, is presiding over the session. Among the delegates in attendance is Rev. S. S. Morris, grand worshipful master of the Virginia colored Masonic Order.

Welcome Address

Addresses of welcome will be delivered this evening by Mayor R. J. Mottern, on behalf of Bristol, Tenn., and by Hon. Walter H. Robertson, on behalf of Bristol, Va., Following is this evening's complete program:

Opening Chorus—America.
Devotionasl—C. H. Johnson.
Inst. Solo—Bernice Carter.
Welcome Address on behalf Bristol, Tenn.—Mayor R. J. Mottern.
Response
Solo—Pearl Knox. .....
Welcome in behalf Bristol, Va.—Hon. Walter H. Robertson.
Response
Selection—Over Top Quartette.
Welcome behalf Masons Bristol, Tenn.-Va.,—J. J. Shepperson.
Solo—Mayo Lee.
Welcome on behalf of Twin City Chapter No. 58 Bristol, Va.—Susie Miller, W. M.
Response
Whistling Solo—Hobert Shand
Solo—Clara Banks.
Reading—Marie Shand.
Selection—Over Top Chorus.
Benediction—E. H. Forest.
Master Ceremonies—H. A. Miller.

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.

Telegraph

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COLORED EASTERN STAR MEETS HERE

The grand chapter, Colorado jurisdiction, including states of Utah, Wyoming, New Mexico and Colorado, of the colored Order of Eastern Star is holding its annual convention in Colorado Springs at the Douglas hall on West Colorado avenue. About 100 delegates are attending the sessions, which will last until tomorrow evening. Mrs. Mary G. Clinkscale of Denver is grand matron; S. Nelson of Pueblo is grand patron; Mrs. Effie Waldron of Denver is grand secretary and Mrs. Georgie Contee of Denver is grand treasurer.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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NEGRO EASTERN STAR ELECTS OFFICERS

State delegates of the negro Eastern Star order elected the following officers at their annual meeting: Captain W. T. M. Grant, Sr., president; Patience Nimmer, worthy grand matron; R. E. Stringer, associate grand patron; Estelle W. Page, associate grand matron; Angelina Lancaster, grand treasurer; Carlysia V. Webb, grand secretary; Elizabeth Brown, grand chaplain; Elnora Davis, grand conductress; Henretta Davis, associate grand conductress; Estella S. Grant, grand marshal; Mary Peoples, grand lecturer; R. V. Butler, grand warder; Lena Ishman, grand Adah; Everlena Cooper, grand Ruth; Mollie Devers, grand Esther; Lizzie Coleman, grand Martha; Laura Dillard, grand Electra, and W. B. Williams, grand sentinel.

EASTERN STARS IN FLOURISHING CONDITION; GRAND CHAPTER MEETS IN ANNISTON

ORDER HAS 507 CHAPTERS AND NEARLY FIFTEEN THOUSAND MEMBERS — OFFICERS MAKE FINE SHOWING— CHARITY HOME ESTABLISHED IN MOBILE

Anniston, Ala., July 21.—(By Staff Correspondent.)—The Eastern Star Grand Chapter closed one of the most interesting sessions of its history here today. A large delegation attended.

This marked the thirty-third annual communication of the order and each year has been one of fraternal service, and the institution has accomplished no little task during the administration of Mrs. Janie M. Balasco, who is a member of one of the first chapters organized in the State.

The Grand Chapter opened Tuesday morning, July 19th, in the Friendship Baptist Church, with more than four hundred delegates present, representing five hundred and seven chapters with 14,555 members.

It was shown by reports that amounts collected from all sources were $58,447.00; death claims paid to 240 beneficiaries; with 11 new charters issued during the year and the membership increased nearly a thousand.

Important measures were offered by the Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Worthy Patron, which were adopted and will serve to stimulate the institution in its forward step.

The Janie M. Balasco Home

It was announced at the Grand Chapter that the Order had succeeded in purchasing property in the City of Mobile on which it will establish a home for aged and infirm members of the Order, it will be known as the Janie M. Balasco Home of the Eastern Stars of Alabama, and the Grand Worthy Matron made a statement that this institution would be in actual operation as soon as a sufficient number of members had applied for entrance.

This is one of the dreams of Mrs. Balasco's life, to establish some charitable institution, sponsored by the members of the Eastern Stars, showing substantially their hand of charity and interest in decrepid and infirm members. This institution promises to be one of the most useful in the South and will, no doubt, relieve much suffering in the state.

"The Mystic Tie"

One of the new features of the Grand Chapter was the presentation of "The Mystic Tie," a drama given at the Seventeenth Street Baptist Church Wednesday evening through the courtesy of Grand Master Woods, having give away for this play. It was a wonderful drama and a thoroughly interesting performance, picturing the cardinal points of the Eastern Star Chapter, and describing each officer and station, explaining the duties of all.

Sharply at 8 o'clock the church was filled to its capacity with two or three hundred persons standing. Grand Master W. T. Woods addressed the body, expressing the appreciation of the Masonic fraternity.

The play started with the following program: Song, "Jesus Calls Us," by the choir; prayer by chaplain, Rev. Mallet; "Negro National Anthem," choir; reading by Mrs. Irene Brown, of Mobile; solo, Miss Julian Scott, of Mobile; reading, Mrs. W. M. Montgomery, of Birmingham; solo, Mrs. Carrington, of Birmingham; solo, Miss Nellie Elmore, of Mobile; reading, Miss Gertrude Young of Mobile; solo, Miss Smithy Carroll, of Acmar, with Mrs. Clemence Sylvester of Mobile, pianist.

In "The Mystic Tie," Miss Gertrude Young was Worthy Matron; Miss Ella Brown, Associate Matron; Mrs. Altha Harrison, Worthy Secretary; Mrs. Leola Whitted, Worthy Treasurer; Mrs. Florence Brown, Worthy Conductress: Mrs. Ida Taylor, Associate

Conductress; Miss Pearl Sims, Adah; Mrs. B. C. Fonvele, Ruth; Mrs. Sadie M. Baugh, Esther; Miss Nellie Elmore, Martha; Mrs. Amanda Haygood, Electa; Mrs. Irene Brown, Chaplain; Miss Julian Scott, Marshall; Mrs. Mattie Dean, Sentinel; Mrs. Janie Heard, Warder; Dr. T. W. Tobin, Worthy Patron.

Grand Worthy Matron's Address

In her annual address the Grand Worthy Matron spoke convincingly of the womanhood of America with particular reference to the Negro women of this country and their alliances to all efforts of human achievement. She criticized the lack of appreciation given women for their achievement and to this point she said substantially the following: "Let women achieve or accomplish anything in the sciences, arts or letters, and you are compelled to search the papers for an account of it, and it will be a mere foot-note, comparatively speaking. Poor woman! When will she come into that which is rightfully hers? At times I wonder if women are not responsible for much of their condition.

"Domestic work affords the finest field for development of a woman's power and capacities; no field can compare with it. As long as the immutable laws of nature have decreed that woman's mission in life is to bear and rear children, no other work fits her so well as the participation in the household of others before she enters the supermacy of her own. But this idea is repugnant to the majority of young women. They are so afraid of being called servants of their parents. They do not want to cook or keep house. They will not be called down by their mother, and many times drift in despair, and waste a life of usefulness, rather than to be trained.

Education

"We rejoice to note the most elaborate program of educational expansion ever considered by Alabama. There are provisions made for us in this program. We should rejoice, continue to work, trust God and educate our children. Our ignorance and the ignorance of our white citizens has almost all to do with the slow progress being made along the lines of race unity and inter-racial duty. Ignorance is a dangerous situation and no community and no state is safe when the most dangerous perils are possible where superstitution, prejudice and ignorance control. I want to congratulate you, my ladies, for the fine examples of character and intelligence that is almost always displayed in our Grand Chapter. You express that style of womanhood and the principle of character that is queenly in its nature, Christian in its act, and altogether helpful in its service. Let us educate; let us reach our hands out to the humblest member in the race; they are our brothers and sisters; they need our guiding hand, our comforting word. We are strong and progressive in proportion as the unfortunate of our group have been made to look up and be happy.

"If the Order of Eastern Stars of Alabama stands for any one or two things more than any other, it is for substantial and acceptable character, and a reasonable portion of education. We are spending every year sums of money in this direction, and we intend to spend money as long as we find people in need and worthy of the charity of this institution.

"We congratulate each delegate here, and while I have not been able to make the visits desired, or to fill the invitations made me, I want you to know that I appreciate it all, and I ask you now to take my greetings back to every Chapter throughout this domain and to the friends of the Order, those who have encouraged our efforts and say to them that we are still preaching the virtues of this fraternity and its landmarks and principles are ever before us as the guide and only purpose of our existence."

Finance Reports

Finance reports were delivered by Mrs. L. L. Burwell, Mrs. Agnes Moore, Mrs. A. Douglas Robinson and Mrs. Ella V. Brazier, each department showing an increase in cash and membership, and the reports of these officers approved by the auditing committee of the Grand Chapter. Reports of the Grand Lecturers were all interesting and complimentary references were made to Mrs. W. L. Broadus, Grand Lecturer of the Eastern Division; Mrs. L. E. Brown, Grand Lecturer of the Western Division, and Mrs. C. E. Cox, Grand Lecturer of the Northern Division. These ladies made excellent reports of the condition of the work in their divisions.

Grand Worthy Patron In Annual Message

In his annual message, the Grand Worthy Patron, Rev. I. H. Rose, recounted the activities of the Order for the past decade and congratulated the membership on its remarkable showing at this session, and counted it the best attended of any in the history of the Order. Among other things he said: "The future progress of our Grand Order rests upon the moral virtue of the membership as well as the payment of our dues and endowment in local chapters. I am prepared to say, and I believe you will agree with me, that the Grand Chapter of this jurisdiction has increased day by day, by leaps and bounds, both numerically and financially. Let us keep the faith, Sisters, let us work hard, exercise patience, forbearance and endurance. Let us forget the shadows and clouds and keep our eyes on the sun; let us not remind ourselves so much of the darkness of the night, but keep our eyes on the stars, keep praying and singing the song, 'There's a Bright Light Somewhere.'

"I am fortunate to be here and consider it a very great pleasure to see so many of my friends, those I have trusted and depended upon, and I know you have trusted and depended upon me. I commend to you this official family as an association of untiring service, and who has administered your affairs economically and honorably and we lay bare for your inspection our financial record and official acts."

The Grand Patron discussed at length temperance and education. He called special attention of the membership to the fact that the race and the nation needed both. He congratulated the sober spirit and lives that characterize the Eastern Stars throughout Alabama.

The Birmingham Reporter Praised

Both the Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Patron paid a high compliment to the work and character of The Birmingham Reporter. Mrs. Balasco made the following statement: "I am a reader of a large number of journals, but there is no paper that comes to my home that I appreciate more than I do The Birmingham Reporter. It is an intsitution of character, worth and merit. You can depend upon what you see in The Reportef as being true. Its editorial opinion is the best I have ever read; its editor is one of our brave men who advocates the things worth while for the race and continues to plead for justice and a fairer consideration on the part of other races. I commend and recommend this publication for your consideration."

Grand Worthy Patron I. H. Rose, in speaking of The Reporter said: "I am a reader of The Birmingham Reporter and have been for a number of years, as a minister and a public man, it is important that I read good literature, and especially that literature issued by our own people. I am a reader of a large number of journals, but I say to you that The Reporter gives me more satisfaction, both in its news columns and in its editorial opinion than any publication it has been my good fortune to read. Some say that Brother Adams is radical, but I am going to say to you that with the matters in hand and the problems to confront and the methods to be used to get results, I think he is conservative. I know he is a friend to this race; he is a friend to this Order, a free thinker."

The Official Family

Rev. I. H. Rose, Grand Worthy Patron; Mrs. J. M. Balasco, Grand Worthy Matron; I. C. H. Champney, Associate Grand Worthy Patron; Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, Associate Grand Worthy Matron; Mrs. L. R. Burwell, Grand Worthy Secretary; Mrs. Agnes V. Moore, Grand Worthy Treasurer; Mrs. A. Douglas Robinson, Grand Worthy Endowment Secretary;; Mrs. Amanda Haygood, Grand Worthy Assistant Endowment Secretary; Mrs. Ella V. Brazier, Grand Worthy Endowment Treasurer; Mrs. Ella Woods, Grand Worthy Conductress; Mrs. Delia Burke, Grand Worthy Associate Conductress; Mrs. Mable Wood, Grand Adah; Mrs. Leola Whitted, Grand Ruth; Mrs. Addie M. Mitchell, Grand Esther; Mrs. Velma Hawkins, Grand Martha; Mrs. Maggie L. Truitt, Grand Electa; J. A. Puckett, Grand Sentinel; W. C. Campbell, Grand Marshall; B. F. Mallard, Grand Chaplain; Clemence Sylvester, Grand Organist; J. D. Moseley, Grand Historian; Mrs. H. M. Gibbs, Grand C. C. F. C.; Mrs. W. L. Broadus, Grand Lecturer of the Eastern Division; Mrs. L. E. Brown, Grand Lecturer of the Western Division, and Mrs. C. E. Cox, Grand Lecturer of the Northern Division.

The Grand Chapter adjourned to meet in Birmingham the third Tuesday in July, 1928.

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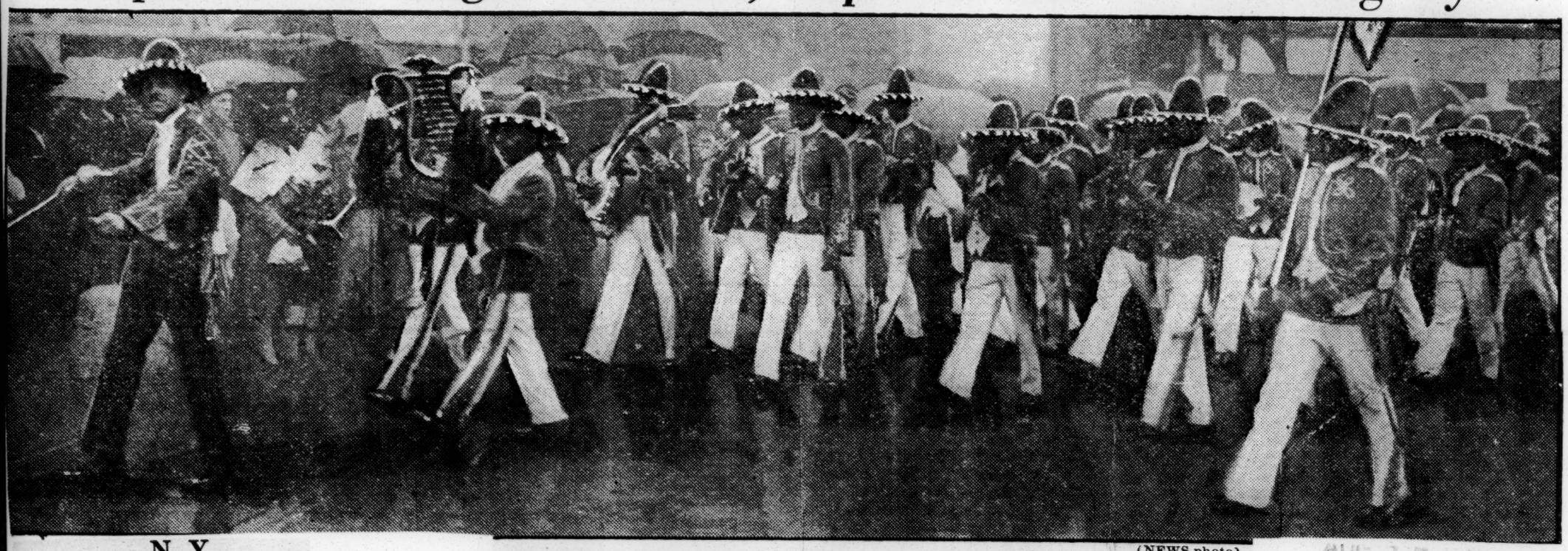
Resplendent in Bright Uniforms, Improved Elks Go Marching By!



(NEWS photo)

COLORFUL PARADE! — Colored men and women marched through pouring rain yesterday in Improved Order of Elks celebration. Above, the Mexican band from Philadelphia strumming along.

N. Y.
HERALD TRIBUNE

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The Negro Elks Parade

To the New York Herald Tribune:

The column and a half that came out in the Herald Tribune under the headline "King Saul Hero of Parade" was a story chock full of human interest. The old Negro bandmaster saw the Elks parade flivving and cake-walked to "Yes, Sir, She's Mah Baby" and pulled the show out of the hole. The story was worthy of Octavus Roy Cohen—or better.

RICHARD DOUGLAS.

Harrington Park, N. J., Aug. 25, 1927.

To the New York Herald Tribune:

The rather jocular attitude of some members of the press in their description of the Elks parade on Tuesday reminds one of Skippy's reference to people who are "always belittlin'." It seems hardly fair when one considers the effort that was put forth by the members of this organization to do something worth while. Few similar societies have shown a better set up body of men and women on parade; the well-tailored white uniforms, especially those of the women, were in excellent taste; the bands, both of men and women, were well trained, and the drum majors—an office that invariably has a tendency to inflate the mental attitude of the incumbent—were no different from those in any white group of like character.

To those who have studied the development of the work among our American Negroes it was certainly encouraging to note in this demonstration no evidence of slack work, no loose ends. The procession started promptly and the fine body of men and women who marched up Fifth Avenue in a drizzling rain are to be congratulated upon the splendid spirit displayed in the face of depressing weather conditions and the lack of stimulating popular applause.

FRANCES MORRIS.

New York, Aug. 24, 1927.

DETECTIVE HEAD COMMENDS ELKS FOR GOOD ORDER

Capt. Hymes Says Events During Week Were Most Orderly He Had Seen

Detective Captain Louis Hymes, commanding the 6th Division, with headquarters at 229 West 123rd street, in charge of the detectives working out from the 135th street station, declares that the crowds in attendance upon the various functions incident to the recent Elks Convention were the most orderly and well behaved he had ever seen.

This statement is confirmed by the officers in his squad. Detectives Bauerschmidt, Crosby, Boyden and Winterhalter comprise the detail, and they started their activties by a pre-convention haul of known under-world characters, particularly of the pick-pocket group. Some fifteen to twenty of these gentry were arrested and given the choice of a voluntary incarceration or standing trial with the possibility of facing a jail term. They accepted the voluntary sequestration until after the grand lodge session had adjourned.

The apprehension of this group struck terror to the hearts of their associates. A number quickly shook the New York dust from their feet and hied to other pastures. Those who were unable to get away shut themselves up in their private quarters and did not dare show themselves upon the streets. As a result of this precautionary measure, according to Detectives Bauerschmidt and Crosby, there was not one pickpocket complaint made during the whole week, nor was there an arrest made.

These two officers, with Boyden and Winterhalter, covered every function of the week, including the big parade, the ball and the beauty contest, and they have only highest praise for the people what attended and took part in these affairs, as well as for those who were the directing spirits.

SANDUSKY, O.

AUG 25

FORM NEW LODGE OF COLORED ELKS

Parade Headed by Cleveland Band and Many Visitors Was Held Before Organization.

Armstrong Lodge, I. B. P. O. E. W., was organized here Sunday afternoon when 36 colored residents of the city were accepted into the new organization. Installation of officers took place before a large crowd of spectators, including 250 visitors from Cleveland and 75 from Lorain as ceremonies were held at Yontz's hall.

Ross Dooley was installed as exalted ruler of the new branch of the colored Elks. Other officers were John Conelly, leading knight; Gordon Clemons, lecturing knight; Jerome Turner, loyal knight; James Brown, secretary; A. J. Latimer, treasurer; A. C. Croudups, esquire; Henry Oglesby, inner guard; Robt. Stewart, tiler, and James M. Long, chaplain.

Charles Gray and Stephen Ball, of the Cleveland lodge, were the installing officers. A parade headed by a band from Cleveland preceded the organization.

A meeting will be held Thursday evening at Yontz's hall when arrangements will be made for regular meetings

-:- High-brow Leadership -:-

By EDGAR M. GREY

Writer Asks What Is Wrong With It

New York Times
Aug 21 27

DURING the month of August New York, or rather Harlem, was given an opportunity to compare the various sorts of leadership which are operating among the Negro division of the American nation. There came to Harlem two conventions, which represented leadership on two distinct planes of Negro social arrangement. There was a convention of those educated and enlightened persons, who have reflection enough to desire to come to some understanding of the character of the general and international phases of the race problem, and a convention of those who, being devoid of such capacity for reflection, are not interested in understanding it.

The first convention, the Pan African, under the frank leadership of the editor of the "Crisis" and his fellow thinkers and trained social educators and workers, was decidedly the more important of the two; the second, the Elks' convention, was made up of the rank and file of the masses of Negroes from all parts of the United States and from several foreign countries. Its leadership is composed of the distinctly less educated, yet the most sophisticated and understanding men of the race; those who have had no education at all, like the Grand Exalted Ruler, and those who, having had some form of education, desire to earn a living.

At the center of this second sort of leadership are to be found men of rank in the political and religious fields. They are those with whom the wise and all-seeing J. Finley Wilson has surrounded himself. He is able, because of his wide understanding of the mob, to go out and bring in the means of subsistence to the professional politicians and preachers and other professional leaders.

On this occasion he had as his head-men bishops of Negro churches, political job holders, doctors, lawyers of national repute, and orators of the first water. They lend to his leadership the educational tone, and he compensates them by giving them the chance to peddle their wares to the great masses upon occasions such as the late convention. In return, he exacts precise loyalty from them and relies upon their orations and other vocalisms to return him to office each year.

To see the man in action is to have revealed to one the secret of power among the Negro masses, and to cause reflection upon the failures which occur in the leadership of the class of men who comprise the direction of the Pan-African Congress.

After a close study of the two sorts of leadership in operation, as was afforded by their recent meetings in Harlem, the writer is of the opinion that the educated Negro shall always be ineffective as a leader of large groups of the Negro race. His leadership appears to lack the essential qualities which excite the loyalty and disturb the emotions of the Negro masses.

One enters the various churches in which the sessions of the Pan-African Congress are held, and at once the coldness and general stiffness of the situation is apparent. The good and learned Dr. DuBois is at the moment delivering his splendidly eloquent address to the assembled delegates and spectators; his well modulated voice rises and falls in true cultural precision, and the thoughts flow from his mind in words which paint a splendid and almost incomparable picture of the oppression which the Negro has suffered at home and abroad.

He retires to his seat while his hearers applaud. At once, from the motionless and almost

Edgar M. Grey

frigid audience arise criticisms of his meanings and phrases. Quite without time to have digested one-half of the historical and factual information which he has just imparted to them, they rise to their feet, gnashing and slashing at his every word. In the end nothing has been accomplished and they go home to meet at his next call.

During the deliberations the doctor is courteous, even pleasing, in repartee and response to the empty mouthings of his critics; he laughs jovially, and at times sardonically, at the peculiar tangled character of the thoughts which are expressed by the obstructionists, who follow all serious movements like the bird of prey about a carrion. They succeed, however, in leaving the leadership of an intelligent man flapping at the mast and floundering about for wind in which to sail upon its way.

The chief difficulty with intelligent leadership seems to be that it lacks the capacity to be tyrannical; it permits too much discussion, especially the sort that is common. Then, too, it fails, because of the restraint which comes as a result of mental discipline and training to muster the nerve which stimulates overstatement and blah. It proceeds from the logical but fruitless proposition that truth is powerful in itself, and does not need the flowery paintings and trappings of the braggart to establish it.

This is a mistake which is fatal to intelligent leadership. To say to a Negro that so and so is true leaves him without a grand mental picture and robs his imagination of its proper function. He wants to be told that so and so is the greatest truth of all time.

Wilson, on the other hand, has no time for argument and discussion. He raps his critics down, threatens them with expulsion from the Romanish sanctuary, and proceeds to impress them. As Emperor Jones says, in O'Neill's play: "These heah bush Negroes loves the show; I gives 'em de show an Ah takes de money—the long, long green all de time, dat's me."

Wilson's leadership is based not upon reason, but upon force, or rather a show of force, and the number of associates whose high-sounding names and titles keep his hearers in constant awe. He enters the rooms of the convention bejeweled and bedecked in all sorts of trimmings and loud looking clothing. He takes from the table before him a large mallet, strongly made, and proceeds to pound upon the table until order is had, and a pin drop might be heard without ear-straining.

Then he calls his strong men to the platform and gives out his instructions, like a Napoleon directing his officers before the hour to commence an engagement. They, in turn, hustle about collecting information as to the state of mind of the "boys," and return in military order to report and be assigned to strategic positions. Anyone who is not in harmony with his views, is, if he would speak, bawled down.

Session after session is called and the program of the leader and his cronies is discussed for the "good of the order." At the proper time the assistants proceed to work up the general membership, and the time is then ripe to re-elect the big boss, J. Finley Wilson. This being accomplished with dispatch, the next thing in order is the passing of the vast sums of money for the maintenance of the "nice boys" in the interim between conventions. This done, the big convention is adjourned and the delegates are on their way home, rejoicing.

Back of all this, large numbers of men and women are massed together under one banner; large sums of hard American money are collected and placed at the disposal of Negro banks in the South; millions of dollars of real property are invested in, and the emotions of hundreds of thousands of the Negro masses are allowed play and exercise. A place is secured to each and every Negro who belongs in the affections of every other Negro who also belongs.

In this way real progress is achieved. It lacks proper direction, it is true; but who will deny that this is more than any leader of the college brand has up to this time achieved? All that would be necessary, in the case of the Elks, would be the vision of some of DuBois' henchmen.

The material is now there, awaiting the proper direction by someone whose capacity for social and economic planning is above the level of the savages; and great good would spring from the leadership of this splendid mob leader, J. Finley Wilson. Of course there are men and women who now enjoy the friendship and confidence of Wilson at the present time and who might advise him as to what was proper and right to do with the organized material which he now has.

But recalling Marcus Garvey, Napoleon and others of this ilk, it might be said that Wilson also would be suspicious of intellect and would seek to destroy it. After all is said and done, the way seems clear for the conclusion that any mass movement among Negroes must come from the brain and antics of the mobocrates, rather than from the reasoned position of the instructed person.

'J. Finley Wilson Is an Excellent Mob Leader"

BROOKLYN CITIZEN

AUG 14 1927

COLORED ELKS MAY ELECT WIBECAN AGAIN

More Than Two Thousand Delegates Are to Attend Convention Here Aug. 23

Colored Elks from all corners of the world will flock to New York beginning August 23 to attend the twenty-eighth grand lodge session of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World. More than 2,000 delegates, representing 160,000 colored Elks, will atend the session.

Interest among the Negroes in this city is centered in the fight which will be made to elect George E. Wibecan, a nationally known figure, has long been identified with all movements that have had for their purpose the betterment of his race. Five years ago he was elected grand exalted ruler of the colored Elks of the word at a convention held in Boston and served with distinction. He was the first nonprofessional man to hold the important post. During his reign, his supporters claim, the order had its most progressive year.

At the time of Wibecan's election the term of grand exalted ruler was limited to one year. Since then the limit has been removed and J. Finley Wilson of Washington, D. C. has held the post since 1922.

The committee sponsoring the movement to return Wibecan to power say that he will introduce a program of activities that will greatly widen the scope of work of the order. Among these will be an educational program providing for scholarships to Negro youths, the establishment of a chair of negro history in some responsible college and the inauguration of a national athletic event to be staged annually.

The convention promises to be a lively affair. During their stay in New York the delegates will be taken on frequent sight-seeing trips and tendered banquets.

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WRONG AS USUAL

By Robert J. Nelson

The Atlanta Independent, invariably wrong, in its issue of June 2 is giving advice to the Grand Exalted Ruler of the I. B. P. O. E. W. asking that the next session of the Grand Lodge be not taken from New York. The editor of this paper says that the convention can not be moved from New York. We suppose that settles the matter. The editor of the Independent has spoken. In his wisdom he says that the Grand Trustees and the Grand Exalted Ruler can not move it. Since the editor of the Independent does not seem to know the law of the fraternity we will enlighten him on it:

SECTION 2, ARTICLE XVII—The Grand Exalted Ruler, with the consent of a majority of the Board of Trustees, may, in case of emergency or extreme necessity, change time and place of holding the regular session.

SECTION 3, ARTICLE XVII—Whenever the Grand Exalted Ruler, with the approval of a majority of the Board of Trustees, decides that the time or place of holding the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge should be changed, the Grand Exalted Ruler shall promulgate an order to that effect not less than thirty days immediately preceding the first day of such annual session, and specifying therein the reasons for such change.

The legal luminary who presides as editor of the Atlanta Independent says that because the New York Age and the Amsteradm News guarantee molestation from the enforcement of the injunction that the I. B. P. O. E. W. should go there. We always were taught to believe that an injunction emanating from a court was mandatory and have not yet learned that the publishers of two newspapers could guarantee a body of men from having an injunction enforced.

Even Tammany Hall and the police department, the governor and the mayor, can not prevent the enforcement of an injunction of the court.

If the editor of the Atlanta Independent knew the Elk general laws he would not say that the Grand Trustees and the Grand Exalted Ruler did not have the power to change the place of meeting.

The unction with which he advises that the order be not split when there is no danger of split, his hypocritical advice of putting the good of the order above "place and plunder" comes only from the mind of one who has been familiar with both lo, these many years.

The Grand Trustees, acting in conformity with the laws governing the order, have given the New York lodges 30 days from May 13 last to have the injunction vacated. They also directed that all the resources of the order be available to aid in effectuating that desired end. If the New York lodges fail then there is no alternative but to call the convention elsewhere. This we believe the Grand Exalted Ruler will do. As ARTICLE VI of the General Laws says: "The Grand Lodge, while in session, is the sole source of executive power. When not in session, all executive power is vested in the Grand Exalted Ruler," it might be well for those who fail to obey the laws of the order to realize the possible penalty that awaits them by disobeying the mandate of the legally constituted authority.

Our advice to the brethren is to pay no attention to the vaporings of any editor who does not know the Elk law, but be guided by the mandate of the Grand Exalted Ruler.

CHICAGO LODGE INDORSES J. FINLEY WILSON

(By Wire to The Eagle.)

Chicago, June 2.—At a meeting of Fort Dearborn Lodge, No. 44, of Chicago, indorsed J. Finley Wilson for reelection as Grand Exalted Ruler at a meeting held last night. The 24 delegates elected to the next Grand Lodge convention were instructed to vote for Mr. Wilson, first, last and always. This mark of confidence on the part of one of the big lodges of the country will serve to electrify Mr. Wilson's friends in all parts of the country and is an evidence of the high esteem in which he is held in the west.

WHITE MOOSE SUE BLACK MOOSE

New Orleans, La., Jan. 4.—(By A. N. P.)—A suit for injunction to prevent members of the Paramount Progressive Order of Moose from wearing the emblem or using the word Moose has been filed in the civil district court by Nat W. Bond, dictator of the white organization of this city. A. W. Brazier is supervisor of the colored organization in this section. A similar case was recently filed in a Missouri court which was decided in favor of the colored organization, the court holding that the Moose is the name of an animal and therefore not subject to copyright or exclusive use.

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BAR COLORED MOOSE

PERMANENT INJUNCTION IS GRANTED WHITE MOOSE BY N. Y. JUDGE; APPLIES EVERYWHERE.

A permanent injunction restraining the New York, N. Y., June 1, 1927—Improve Benevolent and Protective Order of Moose from operating anywhere in the United States was granted the Supreme Lodge of the World, Loyal Order of Moose, et al., Special Term, Part III last Thursday, white, by Mr. Justice Churchill in the Supreme Court of New York County. The action began March 28.

Moose Dispute Settled by Decree

Order Books of Queen Esther Chapter Turned Over to New Head

Under a decision rendered by Justice Aaron J. Levy in Special Term, Part I, Supreme Court, Friday, Carrie Brooks, former treasurer of Queen Esther Chapter No. 19, I. B. P. O. of Moose was ordered to turn over the bank book of the chapter to the new head of Queen Esther Chapter, Mrs. Lelia I. Mann.

The decision settles the dispute between the old and the new faction of the old group, up until March 25, were Mrs. Rebecca Harden Ridley, most noble queen, and Carrie Brooks, treasurer; in the new faction, now recognized by law, are, in addition to Mrs. Mann, who is most noble queen, Iola Lawson, secretary, and Francis Hawkins, treasurer.

Attorney Thomas L. Higgins of Brooklyn represented the victorious side and Mrs. Ruth Whaley appeared for the losing faction

The fight for supremacy in this female branch of the Moose has been a bitter one and the court's decision brings to an end a great effort to retain financial control on the part of the older group which are no longer identified with Queen Esther Chapter.

SUPREME COURT OF NEW YORK DECISION IN MOOSE CASE

Supreme Lodge of the World, Loyal Order of Moose, &c., et al., v. Improved Benevolent & Protective Order of Moose, Inc., et al.—Judgment will be given for plaintiffs (B. P. O. Elks v. I. B. P. O. Elks, 205 N. Y., 459). The objections raised to the right of the Supreme Lodge to maintain the action may be answered in several ways. It does not appear from the complaint that the Supreme Lodge has been doing business in this state, hence it was not necessary to allege compliance with section 237 of the Insurance Law. The answer does not allege that such business was done nor does the evidence show that it was. It appears probable that the Supreme Lodge is exempted from the provisions of section 237 by the express language of the first paragraph of section 245. If the Supreme Lodge were within the statute the fact probably would not prevent the maintenance of this action (Hoevel & Co. v. Hoevel, 167 A. D., 548). Lastly, even if the Supreme Lodge could not properly sue, the other plaintiff could. The requests for findings have been passed upon, settle decision and judgment on notice.

N. Y. White Elks Will Welcome Convention

NEW YORK. — White Elks of Manhattan are not opposed to the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, holding their convention in New York, according to a statement given out last week by W. P. Phillips, the secretary of the white order.

The white Elks will co-operate in making the convention a success, it is said.

NEW YORK'S WHITE ELKS DO NOT OPPOSE COLORED GRAND LODGE SESSION PLANNED FOR THIS CITY IN AUGUST. SAYS SEC'Y

Secretary Phillips Says Grattan Law Is Dead Letter, Not Enforced For Ten Years, and No One Would Try To Enforce It

Declares That White Grand Lodge Had Sent Telegraphic Invitation To Colored Elks At Cleveland Convention Inviting Grand Lodge To New York For 1927

The New York Grand Lodge, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks (white Elks of Manhattan) are not opposed to the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks holding their grand lodge convention in New York, according to a statement given out by W. P. Phillips, grand secretary of the white order, in an interview with a representative of The New York Age on Friday.

Mr. Phillips says that his lodge sent a telegram to Dr. Hudson E. Oliver, at the last convention of the Negro Elks in Cleveland and invited the colored grand lodge to hold its next session in this city.

This action was taken, said the grand secretary, only after a meeting of the entire lodge, at which the matter was discussed and voted on. It would certainly be inconsistent to oppose the convention at this time, the secretary concluded, and so far as he knew there has been no protest made.

Restrictive Laws Are Dead

When asked about the Grattan Law and the injunction which restrains New York colored Elks from using the insignia of the Order, Mr. Phillips said that these laws are both dead, and neither had been enforced in more than ten years. These laws, said the secretary, with a smile, are like the old "Blue Laws" on the statute books. Many of them have never been repealed, yet they cannot be enforced and no one would try to enforce them.

A copy of The Age was shown Secretary Phillips which contained a special story from Washington, stating that Grand Exalted Ruler, J. Finley Wilson has said these laws must be repealed before the 15th of June or the Convention would be taken elsewhere.

Puzzled by Wilson's Ultimatum

Mr. Phillips expressed himself as being puzzled with this ultimatum, because the legislative session has ended for the present year, and to repeal a law requires the action of the Legislature.

He quoted from an address by Hon. Fred Harper of Lynchburg, Va., at the time Mr. Harper was grand exalted ruler of the white Elks of the country in 1918. Mr. Harper advised his brother Elks to cease all litigation against Negro Elks, and said Negroes generally were in need of such an organization as the Elks, and he urged that they be encouraged in their endeavors or at least tolerated.

Whites Not Opposing I. B. P. O. E.

Concluding the interview, Mr. Phillips expressed the opinion that the real opposition against the Negro Grand Lodge Conventon was not by their white brothers in New York, but by some Neroes themselves, who were using these old laws as a prtext to change the convention to some other city.

THEY CAME THROUGH

It is always a source of satisfaction whenever anything is carried out according to schedule. This is true both as to the individual effort and as to that accomplished by organizations. Last week saw the consummation of an effort which was carried out in conformity to the announced plans; we refer to the closing of the year's educational speaking contest which was sponsored by the Independent Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World and which ended in a blaze of glory at Washington, D. C., last Friday night.

It embraced a stupendous program and was successfully carried through the last two weeks at a great outlay of money. Of course, there were disappointments as to the ultimate disposition of the many contestants, that's only natural, for all could not win and those who did not get "within the money" are naturally somewhat disappointed. But this is not the point in which we are most interested, although we confess would be pleased to see a contest in which everybody is satisfied, both winners and losers, but we fear this will never come to pass. The feature of this educational program of the Elks in which we are most concerned is the fact that it was carried out, so far as we have been able to observe, according to the plans announced several months ago. Of course, there may have been slightly rough places in the execution of the plans, but this was a real big affair and it is to be expected that there would be a few upsets before such a stupendous undertaking could be run off without any hitch whatever. This will, doubtless, come as the contests grow in age.

From observation hereabouts, and we suppose elsewhere, the announcement of this educational campaign of the Elks was not taken seriously in many circles. Many were the doubting Thomases as to the carrying out of the campaign as scheduled, but the Elks have come through splendidly in this campaign which they were able to bring to a successful termination only after the expenditure of several thousands of dollars. However, as expensive as the venture has proved, the cost is but small in comparison to the good it has done and the profit it will eventually be to that great body of "Bills" throughout the length and breadth of America. Thousands of boys and girls who are now receiving training at the feet of their teachers and who will shortly go out into the world to take their places in every day life have been inspired by this contest and whereas in the past Elkdom has been but a passing, meaningless word to them, hereafter it is going to have a different ring to their ears when they hear it. It is going to have a new meaning, and the order is going to be praised by them in every town and hamlet wherever the "Bills" may be.

To many the contest did not have an alluring ring in the beginning, it was simply a speaking contest and that was all. But what a change has been wrought since it was first mentioned six or seven months ago —a complete transformation of public sentiment has taken place, all because the Elks did what they advertised to do. This was but the beginning of this educational program in which it is the aim of the organization to teach Negro youth more about the American constitution and to stimulate them to higher, loftier ideals. Nine months hence when the preliminaries for the next contest are announced there will be found ten times or more as many contesting communities as there were this year, not because the Elks of next year will be any different body of men from those of today, but because they were weighed in the balance this year and found to be not only good advertisers but good paymasters. Just another demonstration of the fact that it pays to carry straight.

REVIEW

Florence S.C.

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3,000 COLORED ELKS MEET HERE JUNE 5

Seeking the cooperation of the city officials and the citizens of Florence in their efforts to properly entertain the South Carolina convention of colored Elks which will meet here June 5 to 8, a committee of prominent negro citizens called on Mayor Gilbert yesterday. It was stated that about 3,000 delegates would assemble here for the four days of the convention. Elaborate preparations are being made for their entertainment. The convention is being brought to Florence through the efforts of representatives of Atlas Lodge of this city at the Rock Hill convention last year. Several cities extended invitations but the bid of Florence was accepted. Members of the committee calling on Mayor Gilbert yesterday were Lee Robinson, Perry Lipscomb, R. W. Perrin, S. S. Scott, C. W. Perry, all of whom are members of the committee on program for the convention.

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Nobles Of The Mystic Shrine Get Cordial Welcome From New Jersey State, City Officials, Citizens

28th Annual Session of Nobles and 17th of Daughters of Isis Marked By Development Of Plans To Increase Strength of Body

Newark, N. J.—New Jersey citizens of all races, classes and conditions are striving to outdo the welcome given by New York City to the Elks last week in making the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine feel at home here for their 28th annual session at Bethany Baptist Church, August 29, 30 and 31.

The ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and their fair companions, the Grand Court, Daughters of Isis, jurisdiction of North and South America, were greeted on Monday morning by a representative of Governor A. Harry Moore and by Mayor Thomas L. Raymond in person, and the keys of both state and city were put in their hands. The Daughters of Isis are holding their 17th annual session at the 13th Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Fight In Georgia and Texas.

Noble Caesar R. Blake jr., imperial potentate, in his annual address, which included also a general response to welcome address from New Jersey Masons and other fraternal bodies, told interestingly of the legal battle now being waged to overthrow legislation in Texas and Georgia which would prohibit colored Shriners from wearing the insignia and from using the password of the order, and which would require the state officials to revoke the charters now held by Negro Shriners.

The cases are now pending before the Federal Courts on appeal from adverse decisions given by the State Courts. The imperial potentate pointed out that similar legislation in other southern states had been defeated, and predicted a similar result in these cases. Texas and Georgia are now the only states seeking to set up such prohibitive bans against Negro Shriners, an a final hearing is scheduled for the October term of the Federal Court.

John L. Webb, supreme custidoan Woodmen of Union, Hot Springs Ark., gave a cash contribution o $100 towards legal expense of fighting the appeals from Texas and Georgia Courts.

Imperial Potentate Blake is scheduled for reelection.

The response to Governor Moore's representative was made by Dr. J. E. Shepard, grand master, North Carolina Masons, and president of the Negro State College, Durham, N. C., and Arthur A. Schomburg of Brooklyn, N. Y. esponded to Mayor Raymond.

Plan Order's Expansion.

The imperial potentate's annual address was delivered Tuesday night at the public reception held at Bethany Baptist Church, when P. P. Noble J. H. Tanner served as master of ceremonies. He was introduced by Noble W. R. E. Grigsby. Welcome addresses were delivered by G. M., P. K. Griffin, in behalf of the New Jersey grand lodge; by P. P. Noble Wm. S. Rice on behalf of fraternal bodies by Rev. Y. S. Thompson for the citizens, and by Daughter Julia Rice for the Daughters of Isis. The Rev. B. T. Harvey pronounced benediction.

The reception was followed by a midnight show at Dreamland Academy, 58 Beacon street ,under direction of P. P. Noble Charles L. Thorpe of New York.

The whole of Tuesday was given to business. The principal matter to be considered concerned plans for extension of the order through formation of additional temples. A special dispensation is now in force, and special deputies are concentrating their efforts on carrying the Order in new territory and increasing its strength in present quarters.

The annual parade was held Tuesday afternoon at 6 o'clock, followed by the competitive drill between patrols at the armory. City officials and grand officers of the Divan reviewed the parade. Tuesday night, at the armory, the annual ball and reception was held, at which time winning patrols were awarded their drill prizes.

Wednesday morning was devoted to winding up business. to a sightseeing trip around Newark to Port Newark, and to the farewell reception and dance by Daughters of Isis at Dreamland Academy at night.

The visiting Shriners were guests of Golconda Temple, No. 24, and the Daughters were taken care of by Ambis Court, No. 16. Noble M. C. Musson, illustrious potentate, was head of the local committee of arrangements.

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POLICE PRAISE BEHAVIOR AND ACTS OF CROWDS

Inspector Ryan Says Parade Was Wonderful, Crowd Colorful

Inspector Thomas T. Ryan of the New York Police Department pays a fine tribute to the colored residents of Harlem and the thousands of their friends who came to town for the 28th annual grand lodge session of the I. B. P. O. E. of W. in telling of the ease with which the police handled the crowds which lined the streets for the spectacular parade on Tuesday, and which thronged the Harlem avenues throughout the entire week.

Inspector Ryan declared that the parade was a wonderful demonstration, colorful, interesting and attractive, and that the crowds were well behaved that the officers detailed along the line of march had practically nothing to do other than to see that in their exuberent enthusiam the people did not surge out from the curb and get in the way of the marchers.

The police, according to the records, made no arrests of visiting folks, nor were any of the home folks picked up for disorderly actions in connection with the Elks gathering.

Capt. Camille Pierne, commanding the 16th Precinct, with headquaters at the West 135th street police station, agreed with Inspector Ryan's statement, and said that creidit for the splendid record was due alike to both police and people. Many of the officers on duty were from other precints, and Captain Pierne had requested specially that experienced and capable men be detailed for this special duty.

The good nature of the crowds and the tact of the officers contributed toward the splendid record made by the people and their guests.

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ELKS TAKE UP RACE GAIN

Establishment of a Civil Liberties Committee for the Advancement of Colored People, through co-operation between the white and negro races, was discussed at the convention of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World, the negro order, meeting in Harlem.

The sessions, held in the Mother Zion A. M. E. Church, No. 140 West One Hundred and Thirty-seventh street, were attended by delegates from all over the country. Fraternal greetings were received from Caesar Blake, Imperial Potentate of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, another negro organization.

J. Finlay Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler, called attention to the report of the Education Committee of the Lodge. Additions to a scholarship fund for negro students and widening of its scope were points to be acted upon, he said.

The place of the negro in America and in Europe occupied the discussions in the last day of the Pan-African Congress, meeting in Grace Congregational Church, No. 308 West One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street Robert W. Bagnall, director of agencies of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People spoke.

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J. F. WILSON RE-ELECTED HEAD OF NEGRO ELKS

All but One of Other Officers Returned—J. H. James Jr. Is New Grand Loyal Knight.

J. Finley Wilson of Washington, D. C., was re-elected last night Grand Exalted Ruler of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World, the negro order, at a meeting at Zion Methodist Church, 140 West 137th Street.

The election was hotly contested by three opponents, J. Dalmus Steele of Washington, George Mechen of Baltimore and George Wibetan of Brooklyn.

All but one of the other officers were also re-elected. Joseph H. James Jr. was for the first time elected Grand Exalted Loyal Knight. The other re-elected officers were George Bates, Grand Secretary; Dr. S. H. George, Grand Esteemed Leading Knight; Dr. Rowland R. Thompson Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight, and James T. Carter, Grand Treasurer.

Mr. Wilson, who was elected for the sixth time, made a speech thanking the 1,100 delegates. He read yesterday a three-hour report of his stewardship, comparing the order with its condition in 1922 when he first assumed office. Against 600 lodges now there were 186 then with a treasury of $30,000 as compared to the present treasury of $200,000. In 1922 the membership was 29,000 and today it is 250,000, said Mr. Wilson.

Harmonizing Of Conflicting Elements Is Outstanding Accomplishment Of 28th Grand Lodge Session Of Elks

G. E. R. Wilson and Associate Officers Plan A Constructive Program; Salaries Boosted; Bonds Arranged For; Deposit Of Funds

One of the outstanding accomplishments of the 28th grand lodge session of the I. B. P. O. E. of W. was the apparent getting together and harmonizing of various conflicting elements, the evident desire being to give the grand exalted ruler a cabinet that would support his efforts and work sympathetically with him, says one of the most active of the delegates in attendance upon the session.

This was emphasized at the first caucus held on Monday night preceding the opening, when conferences were held to start a movement leading to the adjustment of differences between the head of the order and certain of his associate officers. That there was a real necessity for this removal of disturbing influences was shown, according to the speaker, by the repeated rumors that the grand exalted ruler was at loggerheads with the grand secretary and the grand treasurer, and that his supporters would try to defeat them for reelection.

Plan Constructive Program.

But, continued he, these officers were too strongly entrenched to do so ruthlessly disposed of, and it was evident that any concerted effort along that line would result in disaster to the order. And so was born the effort to restore harmony of interests.

It is announced that Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson and his fellow officers are planning a constructive program for benefit of the race—physically, intellectually and commercially—through the Bureaus of Health and Education.

Safeguarding of the order is seen in several legislative actions. In the past, officers have been bonded, but it seems there has been no regularity in the process, and no particular arrangement for custody of the bonds. This is now regulated. The grand treasurer and grand secretary are each to be bonded in the sum of $25,000 and the grand exalted ruler in the sum of $10,000.

These bonds are to be approved by the grand legal advisor, paid for from grand lodge funds, and placed in custody of the grand trustees.

Depositing of Funds.

Another unusual and important enactment is the requirement that the grand treasurer shall deposit funds of the order each month in qualified banks; that copies of the deposit receipts must be sent to trustees, and that each month a statement as to the condition of the order's funds in the banks shall be made and certified to by the cashiers of the various banks and these certificates also be sent to the grand trustees by the grand treasurer.

Incidentally, during Friday's session, the grand lodge boosted the salaries of several of the officers. The grand exalted ruler and grand secretary, both with salaries of $4,200, were raised to $5,000 each per annum: the commissioner of education, Judge Wm. C. Huestom of Gary, Ind., is to get $3,300; the grand treasurer goes to $1,500 and the grand legal adivsor, Perry Howard, will be paid $1,200.

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NEGRO ELKS MEET IN HARLEM TO-DAY

McKee Welcomes Them at Preliminary Session—Many Delegations Arrive

THREE OPPOSE WILSON

But Leader Is Sure He Will Win Friday Election

Hundreds were unable to obtain admittance to St. Mark's Methodist Episcopal Church, No. 550 St. Nicholas Avenue, yesterday afternoon, when addresses of welcome were delivered to members of the Independent Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World attending the twenty-eighth annual session of the Grand Lodge which convenes to-day. A force of police was detailed to prevent traffic congestion.

Acting Mayor Joseph V. McKee, who addressed the delegates on behalf of the city and Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson responded.

Other addresses were made by Fred R. Moore, Ferdinand Q. Morton, Henri W. Shields, J. Dalmus Steele and Ethel Frazier. Responses were made by Dr. William Thompkins, Judge William Hueston, Ella G. Berry and Perry W. Howard.

Short talks made by George E. Bates, James T. Carter, Emma V. Kelly, Samuel B. Mitchell, Francis Rivers, John Clifford Hawkins, Pope B. Billups, Armond W. Scott, George E. Wibecan, Samuel J. Battle and Magistrate Edward Henry. Dr. Hudson J. Oliver, master of ceremonies, was introducted by C. Marshall Hanson, Secretary of the General Convention Committee.

At 9 o'clock this morning the Elks will officially convene at Mother A. M. E. Zion Church, No. 140 West 137th Street, and the Grand Temple of which Ella G. Berry is Grand Daughter Ruler, will meet at Mount Olivet Baptist Church, No. 201 Lenox Avenue.

The annual parade of the Elks and Grand Temple will be held this afternoon.

Three active aspirants have thrown their hats into the ring for the Grand Exalted Ruler in opposition to J. Finley Wilson, who is seeking re-election on Friday. They are Magistrate Edward Henry of Philadelphia, J. Dalmus Steele of New York and George E. Wibecan of Brooklyn. The Wilson and Steele headquarters are next door on Seventh Aevnue.

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ELKS DEMAND HEALTH RELIEF

Living conditions of the colored race throughout the United States are uniformly bad, with few cities making adequate provisions for their health, comfort or sanitation, according to a health report made public yesterday at the annual convention of the colored Elks here.

The report charged the negroes "haven't the first semblance of a chance for their lives in most sections of the country."

The convention, assembled in the Mother Zion A. M. E. Church at No. 140 West One Hundred and Thirty-seventh street, was presented with the report, which had been compiled by a committee headed by Dr. William J. Tompkins, assistant commissioner of health in Kansas City. The survey contained data from more than 400 American cities, and a complete report, based on conditions in 700 cities, is expected to be ready for the 1928 convention, which will be held in Chicago.

The chief causes of death among negroes are tuberculosis, pneumonia and whooping cough, with the percentage of tuberculosis deaths being four times that of the white race. The negro homicide rate is increasing, it was pointed out, because of the wretched living conditions. Legislation was urged to compel landlords to furnish better housing facilities.

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1,100 NEGRO ELKS CALMED BY SONG

Church Organ Peals as Wilson Is Re-Elected Grand Ruler.

A church organ was used last night to calm the 1,100 delegates to the grand lodge convention of the negro Elks, excited by the election of a grand exalted ruler.

The voting and reading of reports kept the delegates in session at the Zion Methodist Church, 140 West 137th street, from 10 A. M. to 11 P. M. yesterday.

J. Finley Wilson, of Washington D. C., was re-elected grand exalted ruler for the sixth time, after three other candidates had withdrawn reluctantly. George McMichan, of Baltimore, and George E. Wibetan, of Brooklyn, quit before the voting began, but J. Dalmus Steele, of New York, continued a candidate until the forty-sixth lodge had voted.

"Lead Kindly Light" and "Onward Christian Soldiers" rolled out of the pipe organ when the confusion was at its height. The delegates abandoned voting and relieved their feelings in song.

Other officers elected were:—

George E. Bates, of Newark, grand secretary; James T. Carter, Richmond, Va., treasurer; Dr. S. M. George, of Kentucky, grand esteemed leading knight; Dr. R. R. Johnson, Brooklyn, grand esteemed lecturing knight; Joseph H. James, Florida, grand exalted loyal knight.

The order has 600 lodges, as against 186 when Wilson was first elected grand exalted ruler. There are 250,000 members.

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NEGRO ELKS IN FIGHT OVER CONVENTION SITE

Court Action Threatened to Set Aside Change From New York to Cleveland

A proclamation by Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson of Washington of the Grand Lodge of Negro Elks, changing the place of their convention in August from New York to Cleveland, may be attacked in the courts as illegal, it was learned yesterday.

A delegation of Negro Elks, representing three local lodges opposing the order, left Monday for Chicago, Detroit, Akron, Cleveland and Buffalo to enlist support for their position. They were led by former Assemblyman Pope Billups.

Another delegation appeared yesterday before the New Jersey State Association of Negro Elks at Newark and asked that the Grand Exalted Ruler's proclamation be ignored.

Delegates to the conclave in Cleveland last August voted to meet in New York in 1927. Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson in May, however, in a statement to the local lodges, said that unless the Grattan law was repealed and an injunction issued fifteen years ago set aside by June 15 the convention would be given to another city.

The Grattan law makes illegal the use of regalia and rituals of the B. P. O. E. by the Grand Lodge of Negro Elks.

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Rules on Negro Elks' Convention.

Federal Judge Clarke, sitting in Newark yesterday, issued an injunction against the Grand Lodge officers of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World, a negro organization, restraining them from holding their annual convention in any city other than New York or Newark. It was charged in the bill of complaint that the officers of the Grand Lodge were conspiring to take the convention to Cleveland Aug. 22 to 27. It was explained that an injunction against the use of the name "Elks" had been issued against the order in New York, and unless this was lifted it would be impossible to hold the convention in Harlem.

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NEGRO ELKS COMPROMISE

Convention to Take Place Here and in Jersey City, Jointly

Through a compromise effected yesterday at Newark, N. J., peace was restored among the warring factions of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World (Negro).

The annual convention of the order, scheduled to take place in this city Aug. 22 to 27, which was changed to Cleveland in June by the order of J. Finley Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler, will be held in Jersey City; and in this city, co-operatively, during the dates originally selected. The parade and business sessions will be held in Jersey City while the social program will be held here.

Mr. Wilson changed the convention from this city, when he found that an injunction, granted in Westchester County, prohibited the Negro lodge from use of the word Elks in this State. He said at that time that he feared the delegates would be arrested.

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INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

JUN 27 1927

COLORED ELKS CONVENE.

MUNCIE, Ind., June 26.—(AP)—Delegates began arriving today to attend the fourth annual state convention of the I. B. P. O. E., colored lodge of Elks. The first business session will be held tomorrow. The convention will close on Wednesday. All the state officers were here today. Findley Wilson of Washington, grand exalted ruler, tonight responded to the address of welcome given the delegates by Judge Clarence W. Dearth.

WILMINGTON

DELAWARE

JUN 24 1927

COLORED ELKS ELECT R. J. NELSON HEAD

DOVER, Del., June 24.—The bi-state convention of Colored Elks came to a close here yesterday with the election of officers.

Those elected are: President, Robert J. Nelson, of Wilmington; first vice-president, J. Harris, of Salisbury; second vice-president, J. E. Brown, of Dover; secretary, Emerson Brown, of Cambridge; treasurer, William Savage, of Hagerstown.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting in Cambridge, Md.

J. Finley Wilson Re-elected Exalted Ruler for Sixth Time

Chicago Gets Next Elks' Convention — Attendance Here Small; Expenses Big — Summary of Activities

For the sixth consecutive time J. Finley Wilson of Washington, D. C., was elected grand exalted ruler of the Improved, Benevolent, Protective Order of Elks of the World at the Thursday evening session of the twenty-eighth Grand Lodge, held here last week at Mother Zion Church. On the same evening, at the twenty-fifth Grand Lodge session of the Grand Temple, Mrs. Ella G. Berry of Chicago was elected grand daughter ruler. The women's session was held at Mount Olivet Baptist Church.

Others elected were: Dr. S. H. George, grand esteemed leading knight, of Paducah, Ky.; Dr. Roland R. Johnson of Brooklyn, grand esteemed lecturing knight; Joseph James of Jacksonville, Fla., grand esteemed loyal knight; William H. Emerson, Lexington, Ky., grand tiler; George E. Bates, Newark, grand secretary; James T. Carter, Richmond, Va., grand treasurer; William C. Hueston of Gary, Ind., educational commissioner; Chas. E. A. Starr, Denver, grand inner guard; William L. Jackson, Philadelphia, grand esquire; John Duncan, New York, grand trustee; and Charles M. Hanson, Floyd C. Payne and Dr. Thomas L. Love, grand aduitors.

CHICAFO GETS NEXT CONVENTION.

Although several other cities fought hard for the next convention, including Baltimore, Montreal, Detroit, Kansas City, and Richmond, Chicago won easily and to the Windy City the Elks will go in 1928.

The convention this year was less attended than any previous one in the past five years, though New York went to a greater expense thany any other city has yet gone in order to bring the grand lodge here. Electric lights, brightly colored, and decorations numerous and lavish marked the manner in which the people of New York welcomed the visitors. Seventh and Lenox avenues from 145th to 125th street were beautifully decorated with electric lights, flags and bunting.

The annual sermon Sunday night at Mother Zion Church was well attended. Dr. W. George Avant of Durham, N. C., grand chaplain, preached. Remarks were made by the pastor, the Rev. J. W. Brown, and the Rev. W. P. Hayes, pastor of Mount Olivet Baptist Church. Monday at St. Mark's M. E. Church the annual public meeting was held and the delegates and visitors were welcomed to New York by the acting Mayor, Joseph V. McKee.

Smaller than usual, the parade Tuesday was spectacular, nevertheless. Fifteen thousand men and women, members of the orders, marched from Sixtieth street and Fifth avenue to 145th street in a pouring rain. Twenty-eight bands, four of them females, were in the line of march. Rain, the jinx of this convention, spoiled several of the affairs planned by the local committee for the entertainment of the visitors.

At the grand ball last Wednesday night 20,000 people filled the 369th Regiment Armory. The armory had been transformed into a beautiful ballroom.

RAISE RULER'S SALARY.

Late Friday night the proposition granting several raises in salaries was passed, among them being one raising the salary of the grand exalted ruler and that of the grand secretary to $5,000 per annum. In addition to the $5,000, the grand exalted ruler is granted $1,200 for clerk hire per year. The educational commissioner will receive $3,000 per year from now on, and the grand legal advisor will draw $1,200.

The grand secretary's report showed a decrease in membership for the past year but an increase of 83 lodges. The treasurer's report showed a cash balance on hand of over $100,000.

Judge Hueston, educational commissioner, read an interesting report showing that twenty-three young men and women had been helped through school and college the past year. Saturday saw the majority of the visitors gone, and Monday the decorations were removed from the streets of Harlem.

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Harlem Cheers Favorite Son as Negro Elk Head

J. Dalmus Steele Sways Reception as He Places Himself in Nomination for Grand Exalted Ruler Job

McKee Greets Delegates

Tells Visitor to Observe Laws, but Let Conscience Be Guide on One Statute

By Beverly Smith

When J. Dalmus Steele, Harlem's own favorite son, rose yesterday to nominate himself for the Grand Exalted Rulership before the first public reception of the Improved Brotherhood and Protective Order of Elks of the World a demonstration of Presidential proportions broke loose. Even the presence on the platform of the formidable J. Finley Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler of the Negro order for five successive terms, did not still the rising tumult.

But silence fell like sudden balm when Mr. Steele himself, majestic in his vast stature and displacement, raised a massive hand in deprecation. Negro Elks and Does from the far corners of America, from Liberia, Cuba, and other foreign lands, leaned forward in their chairs.

Mr. Steele Is Two-Party Man

"This is no place for strife," said Mr. Steele. "Earlier in this meeting of

welcome we have had dissension between our Democratic and our Republican brethren. I will state my position right now: I am a Republican and a Democrat. That closes discussion on the subject.

"But on another subject—the election of our next Grand Exalted Ruler—I am compelled to speak out by the regrettable occurrence of last night at our holy memorial services. Our present Grand Exalted Ruler and his henchmen seized upon that sacred occasion, dedicated with pious reverence, and traduced it into a saturnalia of political expediency."

Warns of Oratory's Sway

Mr. Steele went on, with mounting eloquence and power, to deride the pretensions of Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson to another term. He cautioned his audience not to be swayed by oratory.

"Don't applaud me; listen to me," he pleaded. "If you drown me out with praise to-day, to-morrow, like in the Good Book, you will be shouting 'Crucify him! Crucify him!'"

Through the thread of his address a promise ran like a refrain, "At my conclusion I will make two predictions—just two predictions." As he neared the end of his speech the audience was keyed up with anticipation. What were the two predictions? At last he swung into his peroration.

"My two predictions are," he declaimed, "first, that when this mighty convention breaks up and the Elks and Does disperse to their various homes, the new Grand Exalted Ruler will be J. Dalmus Steele!" He returned to his seat amid wild applause.

"But, Mr. Steele," he was asked afterward, "what was the second prediction you were going to make?" Harlem's favorite son scratched his head for a moment. Then he flashed his perfect teeth in a broad, disarming smile.

"Tell you the truth, sir," he said, "I've forgotten precisely what was that second prediction."

McKee Welcomes Negro Delegates

Mr. Steele's address was but one feature of a highly successful and enthusiastic meeting. Acting Mayor Joseph V. McKee made a special trip from the City Hall up to the St. Mark's Methodist Episcopal Church, where the exercises were held, to welcome the 2,000 delegates, and through them the 100,000 Elk and Doe visitors from all over the country.

"Here in New York we have only one measure of a man's worth," said Acting Mayor McKee. "We don't care what his race, religion, politics, wealth, or accomplishments are. We have a habit of looking into the hearts of our fellow men. It is from what we find there that we judge them."

Mr. McKee counselled the visitors to obey New York's laws. "But there is one particular law, and you know which one I mean, which, if you can't observe it, at least try not to get caught," he said. "I would hate to see any of our colored visitors languishing in jail for violating a law which all of us break occasionally. Let your conscience be your guide." His audience roared with delight, and several of the subsequent speakers nominated Mr. McKee successively for Mayor, Governor, President of the United States and Grand Exalted Ruler.

Bones Roll Again

After Mr. McKee departed the bones of contention were rolled again. The beneficence of Tammany, which had earlier been extolled as "the greatest and best organization in the universe," was called into question by several Republican speakers. Tammany was blamed for the Grattan law, under which an injunction but recently vacated prevented the I. B. P. O. E. W. from holding its convention in this city until this year.

"We will not believe that Tammany is the black man's friend," declared Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson, "until Governor Smith repeals the Grattan law. If he does that we will proclaim him a new Abraham Lincoln and place him in the White House." This stirred a party debate which would not down until J. Dalmus Steel made his dramatic intervention.

Exalted Ruler Wilson Orator, Too

Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson, whom his followers call "the Little Napoleon," held his own with even the gigantic Mr. Steele in the suavity and carrying power of his voice. The charge was made by his followers that the church was packed in advance with a Steele claque. The suggestion was ridiculed by those who know J. Dalmus Steele. Whatever the facts, friend as well as foe were forced to applaud some of the dynamic ruler's more resounding periods.

He recited the achievements of his dynasty—the enormous growth in the number of lodges, the reduction of taxes on the Does, the program of education which "has put over thirty of our boys and girls in college and enabled one of our sons, so black he could pitch a shadow on a concourse of crows, to lead his freshman class at Amherst," and the program of health and infant mortality work.

He dismissed with a wave of the hand the charge that he maintains himself in office by an ingenious system of patronage by which he appoints delegates without limit to paying committees.

"And from all these geometrical deductions," he concluded, "I will reach down into the sea of nothingness and seize hold of final, glorious significance. My boys are here. They are here from cornfield and the canebrake, from the cotton fields of Georgia and the turpentine camps of the Carolinas, from the oyster beds of Maryland, my Maryland and the tobacco fields of old Verginny, from the valleys of South America and the vast steppes of Canada, from the recesses of Liberia and the four corners of God's own green globe—my boys are here. I will win on the first ballot."

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HERALD TRIBUNE

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Harlem Favorite Is Defeated by Negro Elk Vote

Charge of Being a Pessimist Ruins J. Dalmus Steele's Hopes and Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson Wins Again

Charges Quadruple Cross

Race Issue Raised Against Him; Incumbent's 4-Hour Address Brings Victory

By Beverly Smith

With the great organ of Mother Zion Church pealing "Everybody's Doin' It," and even the Manhattan delegates flocking with facile opportunism from his embattled banners, J. Dalmus Steele, Harlem's own favorite son, met defeat last night at the hands of J. Finley Wilson, incumbent for five successive years of the grand exalted rulership of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World, in convention assembled.

At 8:56 p. m., with the vote standing 100 to 36 against him, Steele stood up to his full six feet four and proclaimed in tones which dwarfed the surrounding tumult, "I withdraw, but keep my thirty-six votes and concede nothing." Thus ended prehaps the greatest election fight in I. B. P. O. E. W. history.

Afterward he issued a brief statement.

Ruler Issues Statement

"I was quadruple crossed," he said. 'My future in Elkdom is practically blighted, and my faith in the order is virtually undermined. I will never be a candidate for the office again, unless there is an absolutely imponderable public demand. Self-perpetuation is rampant and bids fair to become perpetual."

The re-elected Grand Exalted Ruler, J. Finley Wilson, L.L.D., has been known as the "Little Napoleon" of Negro Elkdom for five years, and his election, political prophets predict, gives him a hold on his honorable and lucrative office which will be dissolved only by resignation or the infirmities of old age, happily far distant.

According to his campaign pamphlets, entitled "Deeds vs. Bombast," he had during his five terms "broken all records, including his own." He is "an orator, a man who knows more people in more places than any other man on God's green globe, and a member of fraternal orders beyond computation." His versatility is attested by the account given of his life. He has been a teacher, a bellhop and a ward politician.

Joined Alaska Rush

He joined the gold rush to the Klondike in 1898, "returning in 1899 for the purposes of newspaper publication." While in politics in Denver, his pamphlet states, "politics became warm and he went to the Arizona wilds, and from there to Wyoming with Buffalo Bill." He successively founded newspapers in Norfolk, Baltimore, Harrisburg, Salt Lake City, San Francisco and Washington. He has "traveled 250,000 miles in the interest of the I. B. P. O. E. W."

The break in J. Dalmus Steele's ranks came when John Green, Esteemed Knight of the Monarch Lodge (Harlem), boldly branded him a "pessimist." The charge was whispered along Steele's wavering ranks, provoking havoc. Steele's lieutenants were at a loss for a rejoinder, and his own crushing reply, "I am a 100 per cent American," came too late.

In the same way the charge of Bolshevism, leveled against the Harlem champion, came at a crucial moment and remained damaging despite his assertion that he has consistently voted the Democratic and Republican tickets.

The race issue was raised when Steele was accused of being not an Alabaman but a West Indian Negro, but the charge withered before the indignation of those who know Steele's antecedents and consequence.

Dr. Finley Reports

For four hours preceding the election J. Finley Wilson, who had been made a Doctor of Laws of Alen University during the morning, made an address and report which for comprehensiveness and sustained eloquence has seldom been equaled in the annals of Negro Elkdom. His detractors were cowed by statistics lyrically related, his supporters were uplifted by his picture of Negro Elkdom transcending earthly limits and dominating the universe, and he himself was almost overcome with emotion as he summed up the achievements of his administration.

So devastating was his oratory that three Past Grand Exalted Rulers, led by Armond W. Scott, began to doubt the success of Steele's candidacy and held a conclave. They decided that "the situation calls for a dark horse, and George McMechen, after whom a street has been named in Baltimore, is the only man who can beat Wilson." Mr. McMechen, a small, strong, silent Negro who was himself Grand Exalted Ruler from 1919 to 1921, permitted his name to be placed in nomination, but astutely withdrew his candidacy when Wilson played his trump card, the motion to suspend the Australian ballot.

Secret Vote Provided

The Australian ballot, providing for a secret vote, was the last hope of the anti-self perpetuationist forces. Without it, they admitted that their delegates were afraid to oppose Wilson's power. Wilson circumvented them by calling for an open roll call vote on a motion to suspend this ballot as un-American and subversive. It was carried with shouts of loyalty.

30,000 NEGRO ELKS PARADE IN THE RAIN

Harlem Throngs Cheer as Gaily Dressed Marchers Charleston to Tunes of 25 Bands.

Under lowering skies and through intermittent showers 30,000 drenched but smiling and gaily clad negro Elks marched, charlestoned and cakewalked their way up Fifth Avenue from Sixty-first Street to Harlem yesterday afternoon in the four-hour parade of the Grand Lodge of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World.

Assembling at 1 o'clock under the command of Grand Marshal Joseph Brown, members of 800 lodges from every State and many foreign countries fell into line with their twenty-five bands and passed perhaps 100,000 cheering onlookers, who lined the streets and crowded the windows of Harlem buildings, gay with bunting and banners of every description. Leaving Fifth Avenue at 110th Street, the marchers went west to Lenox Avenue, up to 125th Street and again west to Seventh Avenue, finally disbanding at 149th Street and Lenox Oval.

For an hour the procession passed in review before Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson and his staff on the grand stand at Seventh Avenue and 145th Street. Feminine members, known as "Does," were almost as numerous as marchers of the other sex, while the leader of the women's band set the toes of marchers and bystanders tickling with the notes of "Charleston," "Ain't She Cute" and "Me and My Shadow." A delegation of thirty negro policemen from the West 135th Street Station among the marchers received loud cheers and applause.

White uniforms with purple trouser-stripes and collars were the fashion for the men, though tuxedo coats and white flannels were also seen, with a heavy sprinkling of gold braid and brass buttons. One dignified group with top-hats and cutaways followed a score of mounted policemen who were in the van. The women ran strongly to white and gold, with an occasional group in brown, cerise, purple and other colors.

Rules against singing, talking, chewing gum and dancing while in marching-order were issued by the committee in charge of the parade, but the spirit of good-will which prevailed found many dancing to the music of the bands and shouting to friends at the sides. A motion picture concern made use of the parade as a background for a film, while 300 policemen under Inspector Thomas D. Ryan found that they had little to do. Tonight there will be a band concert in Manhattan Casino at 155th Street and Eighth Avenue and tomorrow will see the election of the Grand Exalted Ruler.

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Should Conserve Their Funds

There are two sides to the question of the colored fraternities fighting the white fraternities for the use of fraternal names. The white Elks are taking a remarkably sensible attitude toward colored Elks as was witnessed by the vacating of the injunction against the latter in New York State just before the recent convention. If the colored Antlers elsewhere can secure a similar accord with the white Elks of their respective state, it would be indeed a happy day for that fraternity. The white Shriners and the white Moose, however, are taking a decidedly bitter and more determined stand against the colored fraternities using their names. We recently printed news dispatches stating that large sums of money have been appropriated by these two organizations to drive the colored fraternities out of the country. Under such circumstances we doubt the wisdom of costly court battles and endless discord. Would it not be better, where possible, for such changes to be made in their names and insignia as to conform to the law and to conserve the funds of the fraternities?

JOHNSON NAMED REINDEER HEAD

ATLANTIC CITY—John C. Johnson, was elected Grand Dictator of the Order of Reindeer which held the fifth annual convention in the Guild Hall, 1709 Arctic avenue.

Mr. Johnson (Atlantic City) was elevated from the vice Dictator a position he has filled creditably for one year winning over his oponent with a comfortable margin.

Johnson is serving his second term as Dictator of the local Garden City Lodge of the City and it has been largely through his efforts that the present meetings of the Grand Lodge was so successful.

Other grand officers elected were: Grand Secretary John M. Stoute, of Newark; Grand Treasurer Joseph S. Ware, D. C.; Grand Vice-Dictator Albert R. Patterson, Richmond; Grand Lecturing Dictator A. L. Corrah, Orange, N. J.; Grand Master Dictator of Work William Brown, New York; Grand Organizer William Leonard, Asbury Park; Grand Prelate H. C. Van Pelt, Asbury Park; Grand Sergeant-at-Arms, Samuel Taylor, Baltimore; Grand Asst. Secretary Herman Cole, Baltimore; Grand Inner Guard W. R. Jones, Richmond; Grand Outer Guard, C. M. Diggs, Baltimore; Grand Trustee John W. Harris, of Asbury Park. Some of the new officers of the Grand Chapter are: G. N. Q. Bessie Waddell, of Boston.

Some of the delegates present were: Mrs. Edna Frech, D. C.; Mrs. Viola Brown, Richmond; Mrs. Lillian B. Cutler, New York; Mrs. Bertha Cox, Asbury Park; Mrs. Emma Johnson, Baltimore; Mrs. Lucille Johnson, A. C.; Mrs. Hester B. Hall, Newark; Mrs. Frances Natter, Newark; Mrs. Marion Stevenson, Mrs. Mattie Johnson, Atlantic City; Mrs. Florence Jackson, Beston; Mrs. Estelle Anderson, Mrs. Annabel Randolph, Mrs. Mary Hobbs, Mrs. Alice Haywood, all of Asbury Park, Mrs. Lottie Bowser, Mrs. Elizabeth Custis, Mrs. Blanche Yellowlay, all of Baltimore; John M. Stoute, Newark; Joseph Ware, D. C.; Albert Patterson, Richmond; A. V. Penha, William Horne, Asbury Park; Samuel Taylor, Baltimore; W. R. Jones, Richmond; R. L. Plummer, D. C. and William H. Nelson, D. C.

ELKS DEMAND UPHOLDING OF CONSTITUTION

Fraternal Bodies Sign Memorial

Washington.—A memorial and a petition were recently presented to congress by Senator Arthur Capper, Republican, of Kansas, from the Elks and other fraternial organizations. It urged enforcement of every section of the federal Constitution, including the 13th, 14th, 15th and 18th amendments. The memorial, which was inserted in the Congressional Record, reads as follows:

"1. We urge the sustaining of the entire Constitution of the United States and the enforcement of all its provisions and laws. No greater blunder could be committed by government than to make the avowal or allow the impression that it has power to enforce all of its laws with certain exceptions. Such policy would to the man of ordinary mind and common sense mean one of two things, or both of them: (a) That the government has no real power to enforce any of its laws, or (b) that government officials are consummate hypocrites, who are resolved to enforce only such laws as they favor.

"2. It is our conviction that every amendment of the national constitution is as vital a part of fundamental law as is the first article of that instrument; and that every act passed by the lawfully constituted legislative body until such legislation is repealed or properly nullified by the courts, is as sacred as the Constitution itself. In the call for enforcement we therefore make no implied exception of so-called unpopular laws, since, and as long as, the people have the remedies of protest, agitation, further legislation, amendment, and repeal.

CONDEMN LAW BY MINORITY RULE

"3. We therefore deplore the dangerous policies of those time-serving political leaders of any party or section who are disposed to compromise with the sentiment that certain of our laws and constitutional provisions cannot be enforced because of the fact that a minority, even a powerful minority, is opposed to such laws and provisions. For if the opposition to such constitutional and legislative acts be not a mere minority, then such acts can be, and should be, regularly and legally amended or repealed. In a democratic-republican form of government there is no logical and reasonable excuse either for violation by the citizen or for failure of enforcement by the administration. The violation is a crime; the failure to enforce is betrayal to anarchy. Such tactics on the part of private citizens and officers of law tend to bring the whole business of government into weakness and disrepute even among those for whose favor such tactics are employed.

"4. If the foregoing is a true statement of the general principle of just government and same statesmanship, then it is easy to specify; that the 13th, the 14th, the 15th and the 18th amendments to the Constitution should be as honestly enforced as the fifth or sixth. For the statesman the only alternatives are respect or repeal. To flagrantly violate or neglect certain parts of the law is not statesmanship, but it is contemptible and even dangerous politics.

"5. Similarly, the community of interests that obtains among our laws obtains also among our citizens. When the rights of one citizen are willfully violated by other citizens or shamefully neglected by officers of law, the rights of all citizens are at least jeopardized.

"7. In this conviction, and as patriots of the republic, we wish to register our belief that no politician and no party which declares an unwillingness or confesses an inability to enforce any part of the Constitution can be trusted to enforce any other part, and that they who so declare and confess, if they be not conscious enemies of the republic, are at best its unwise friends."

Signed by J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler of the Elks; William Pickens, field secretary of the N. A. A. C. P.; Caesar Blake, imperial potentate of the Shriners; W. H. Jernagin, National Equal Rights league and Race congress; Charles T. Freeman, Grand Encampment K. T.; Mrs. Ora B. Stokes, presiding shepherd of Order of Shepherds; Robert F. Leftridge, Citizens league; Mrs. Ella G. Berry, grand daughter ruler Daughter Elks of the World; Mrs. Emma V. Kelley, grand secretary; Robert J. Nelson, executive director Civil Liberties commisison of the Elks; Dr. S. H. George, grand esteemed leading knight of the Elks; Dr. S. H. George, grand esteemed leading knight of the Elks; John R. Hawkins, National Negro Bankers' association; Bishop J. J. Higgs, Modern Educational and Religious bureau; Nannie H. Burroughs, National Educational League of Republican Women; Mary McLeod Bethune, National Association of Colored Women's Clubs; Robert L. Vann, editor Pittsburgh Courier; Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, Independent Order of St. Luke; Sydney R. Thompson, Rienzi B. Lemus, president Brotherhood Dining Car Employees; George W. Harris, editor of New York News; Charles E. Robinson.

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The Parade of the Negro Elks

To the New York Herald Tribune:

As a brilliant, spectacular, colorful, moving picture the parade of the colored Elks through the streets of Harlem was one of the most impressive pageants that New York has witnessed in some time. For an hour and a half I stood in the drizzling rain on Lenox Avenue watching them pass. The whole affair was well planned and executed, and the good nature and fine spirit displayed by the marchers despite the chilling downpour of rain was a remarkable feature of this well organized and officered parade of men and women from many states.

The bands of music—some of them entirely of women—were a rare treat. One large band from Washington displayed truly marvelous rhythm, harmony and spirit. Another, from Philadelphia, attired in a Mexican uniform of elaborate and artistic design, was composed almost entirely of string instruments. And the drum majors—male and female—in stature, physique, spirited demeanor and resplendent uniforms, measured up to their part as effectively as those of the best Scotch pipers' bands. The brilliance and variety of uniforms of striking design and color, from white and gold to the most gorgeous orange, scarlet, green and purple—the latter predominating—were an outstanding feature. The street decorations along Lenox and Seventh Avenues added much to the imposing demonstration.

With the army and National Guard I have been in many parades and have witnessed many, and this measured up to the best of them, not the least creditable feature being the promptness with which it started, which is unusual where so many organizations participate.

SPECTATOR.

New York, Aug. 26, 1927.

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Negro Elks Give Aid to Old Members

Officers Re-Elected, Women's Auxiliary Numbers 40,000

By Lester A. Walton

At the twenty-eighth Grand Lodge session of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World, recently held here, supporters of J. Finley Wilson, who was re-elected Grand Exalted Ruler for the sixth time, effectively met the "self-perpetuation in office" issue by producing data on the tenure of executives of other large Negro fraternal organizations.

S. W. Green of New Orleans has been Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias since 1899. He also served from 1892 to 1897. As Grand Master, Edward H. Morris of Chicago has guided the destinies of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows for nearly twenty years. He, too, had been previously elected to the position. Mrs. Maggie L. Walker of Richmond, Va., has directed the affairs of the United Order of St. Luke since 1900. Miss Emma V. Kelley of Norfolk has been in high office ever since she founded the Order of Daughter Elks twenty-five years ago.

Parade Most Spectacular Feature

Before the Elks' election of officers it was said that an unprecedented "house cleaning" was to take place; but when balloting time arrived the "let well-enough alone" spirit prevailed. The Grand Exalted Ruler was returned to office, also Grand Secretary George E. Bates and Grand Treasurer James T. Carter. Bates has been Grand Secretary for sixteen years.

The parade of Elks and Daughter Elks up Fifth Avenue and through Harlem was the most spectacular feature of the convention. The election

of officers, the reading of reports and the adoption of propositions for new laws and amendments to the constitution were important and interesting proceedings. However, aside from the blare of horns and beating of drums, the display of multi-colored uniforms, the participation in spirited arguments during business sessions and the explosions of tempers during election, the big conclave had its sentimental moments.

An incident, touching and full of interest, occurred when Isaac Fuller, member of Eureka Lodge, Norfolk, Va., was brought before the convention on a roller chair with a sign: "Please help the blind!" around his neck.

A year ago Fuller lost his sight and came to New York to beg on the streets for a living. When his story was told to the delegates it was unanimously voted to give him $25 monthly, and local members promised to befriend him.

"Throw away that sign and never put it on again," Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson said to Fuller. "There'll be no public beggars in this order as long as I am in office."

Amid cheers, the delegates also voted to give Arthur J. Riggs, oldest member in point of membership, a pension of $50 a month. Riggs is in good health, but a unanimity of opinion existed that something ought to be done to show the high esteem the order holds for one enjoying such a unique distinction.

Founder of Daughter Elks Is Honored

Up to his death, Henry Lincoln Johnson, former Republican National Committeeman for Georgia, was legal adviser for the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World. He was very popular with the members. A lodge in the Bronx has been named for him. A resolution was passed to erect a monument in his honor, the money to be raised by individual subscription and not to be taken from the Grand Lodge funds. Within a few minutes $4,000 was subscribed toward the movement, which will be conducted among lodge members throughout the country.

The silver anniversary celebration in honor of Mrs. Emma V. Kelley, founder, Grand Secretary and Supreme Mother of the Order of Daughter Elks, was the most auspicious occasion incident to the annual session of the female branch held at Mount Olivet Baptist Church, No. 201 Lenox Avenue. Silver and white dresses were worn. In eulogistic speeches Mrs. Kelley was referred to as one of the outstanding organizers of her race.

One summer afternoon in 1902 thirteen women met in Norfolk, Va., and organized an auxiliary to the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World. The first temple was formed in a small hall by Dr. James E. Mills, then Grand Organizer.

Organized on June 13 with thirteen women, it proved unlucky, for in three months the temple disbanded. In October Mrs. Kelley called another meeting. Two responded. The three organized Norfolk Temple No. 1, with Mrs. Mary Barnes, Daughter Ruler; Mrs. Kelley, Secretary and Mrs. Julia Fraction, Treasurer.

Order Now Has 40,000 Members

On the third Sunday in July, 1903, the auxiliary celebrated its first anniversary at St. John's A. M. E. Church, Norfolk. It had grown to a membership of forty. In September of that year when the Grand Lodge of Elks met at Hampton, Va., the Grand Exalted Ruler, B. F. Howard, organized the Grand Temple. It was made up of Norfolk Temple No. 1, Birmingham Temple No. 2, Western Star Temple No. 3 of Washington, Pa., and Beulah Temple No. 4, Berkley, Va. Mrs. Barnes was elected Grand Daughter Ruler and Mrs. Kelley Grand Daughter Secretary.

Mrs. Kelley was delegated to draft the first constitution and ritual, which were adopted at the next annual session in Atlantic City. The Grand Temple degree conferred at this convention by the Grand Secretary met with general satisfaction and approval.

From the inconspicuous beginning at Norfolk, the Order of Daughter Elks has developed into a fraternal body with 480 temples and a membership of 40,000. There are temples in the United States, Cuba, Canal Zone, the Islands of the Seas and Africa.

The officers of the Grand Temple are Ella G. Berry, Grand Daughter Ruler; Abbie Johnson, Grand Vice Daughter Ruler; Hattie Williams, Grand Assistant Daughter Ruler; Emma V. Kelley, Grand Secretary; Frances Young, Grand Treasurer; Agnes Garrett, Grand Chaplain; Nellie R. McCollough, Grand Recording Secretary; Watson Rudd, Grand Doorkeeper; Mary Burnside, Grand Gatekeeper; Rose Blocker, Grand Escort. Grand Trustees—Sadie Davis, Elizabeth Kimbough, Mary Rose Johnson and Mrs. Jackson.

The Manhattan Temples are Eureka Incible and Manhattan.

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RACIAL RIGHTS DEMANDED BY COLORED ELKS

"Africa for Africans," Voice in Government, U. S. Evacuation of Haiti Are Asked

Establishment of a Civil Liberties Committee for the Advancement of Colored People, through co-operation between the white and negro races, was discussed yesterday at the convention of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World, the negro order, meeting in Harlem.

The sessions, held in the Mother Zion A.M.E. Church, No. 140 West One Hundred and Thirty-seventh street, were attended by delegates from all over the country. Fraternal greetings were received from Caesar Blake, Imperial Potentate of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, another negro organization.

RIGHTS DEMANDED.

An outline of "the legitimate aims and needs of the people of negro descent," was contained in a resolution unanimously adopted by the convention. These demands were made upon the countries of the world:

"1. Voice in government.

"2. Native rights to land and natural resources.

"3. Proper education for all children.

"4. Development of Africa for Africans and not merely for the profit of Europeans.

"5. Reorganization of commerce and industry to make the main object of capital and labor the welfare of the many, rather than the enriching of the few.

"6. Treatment of civilized men as civilized, despite difference of birth, race or color.

"7. Evacuation of all American military forces from Haiti, and restoration of self-government."

TAKE UP EDUCATION.

J. Finlay Wilson, grand exalted ruler, called attention to the report of the education committee of the lodge. Additions to a scholarship fund for negro students and widening of its scope were points to be acted on, he said.

Judge William Hueston, director of the fund, presented to the convention Paul R. S. King, eighteen of Evansville, Ind., a student at Hampton Institute, Virginia, and one of the twenty-five beneficiaries of the fund receiving $250 annually.

CONGRESS CLOSES.

The place of the negro in America and in Europe occupied the discussions yesterday in the last day of the Pan-African Congress, meeting in Grace Congregational Church, No. 308 West One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street. Robert W. Bagnall, director of agencies of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, spoke.

The delegates took a boat ride around Matnhattan Island during the afternoon and were at a grand ball in the Three Hundred and Sixty-ninth Regiment Armory, One Hundred and Forty-second street, near Lenox avenue, last night.

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nd more than twenty-five sorts of Lutherans. Even among Catholics a dozen varieties are to be found. This was declared to be no example to set before the world by an organization that professes to teach unity and brotherhood, which is equally true for black people as well as for white.

New York Times

Dr. Moton's plain speaking and his broad and liberal conception of the mission of the church and his views regarding other religious faiths were the more remarkable as coming from one of the Baptist faith to an audience of Baptists, than whom no communion is noted for greater restrictiveness. In expressing a belief that Heaven will not be closed to other faiths, he expressed his personal appreciation of individual Hindus, Confucianists and Buddhists whom he had met abroad. He also paid an earnest tribute to "that great friend and benefactor of all mankind, Mr. Julius Rosenwald of Chicago," who in religion "calls himself and is called a Jew."

In this address Dr. Moton exhibited a broadness of faith and tolerance of judgment that should commend his utterances to churchmen of all denomination.

CREDIT TO WHOM CREDIT IS DUE

When Chief Justice Taylor of the Supreme Court of New York, sitting in Westchester county, temporarily vacated the injunction obtained by the White Elks against the colored Elks, he made it possible for the Twenty-eighth Grand Lodge sessions to be held in New York City. It looks now as though the injunction will be permanently vacated. All of this is cause for congratulations.

When J. Finley Wilson, the Grand Exalted Ruler, acting under the instructions of the Grand Trustees as of date of May 13, 1927, gave the New York lodges thirty days to have the injunction vacated, and they failed to do so, he had no alternative but to name another city as the place for holding the Grand Lodge sessions. He named Cleveland. The New York City lodges got busy, with the result that the injunction which had been in force for years, has been temporarily vacated and the mandate of the convention of last year will be obeyed. Had a less firm man been at the head of the Elks, a man whose backbone was not so well developed, the forward step of having the injunction vacated would not have been effected. Elks throughout the jurisdiction cannot but feel a sense of deep gratitude to Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson for the wisdom he has displayed throughout the whole controversy. Seeing his duty in the premises he performed it in a manner that is worthy the commendation of the members of the Fraternity—and the race. Clothed with great powers under the Elk law, a law which must be exhausted before remedy can be had in the courts of the land, he used that power wisely ever with an eye single to the good of the great fraternal order which has grown so extensively under his leadership.

Some of the newspapers charged Mr. Wilson with cowardice for calling off the convention from New York because of the Grattan law and the injunction enforcing that law. It must be apparent to these carping critics, in view of the outcome, that, instead of fear, the mind of the Grand Exalted Ruler was bent on the big proposition of having the injunction vacated thereby doing great service not only to the Order but to the race.

He and the brethren who cooperated with him in the crisis through which the Elks have passed, should have bestowed on them that meed of praise to which they are so eminently entitled.

Federal Judge Stops Exalted Ruler In Cleve. Conclave Move

Newark, N. J. June 28—Federal Judge Clark yesterday sustained and continued the temporary injunction granted by Judge Runyan last Thursday against Grand Exalted Ruler Finley Wilson and Grand Secretary George E. Bates from calling the Grand lodge convention in Cleveland in August.

Alexander T. Schenck of Newark was the attorney on record fo the complaintants, and the injunc tion papers were signed by Attorneys John C. Hawkins, Pope Billups and Francis E. Rivers, members of the New York Convention Committee Law Committee, all of whom were in court Monday.

The decision amounts to an almost complete victory for New that the convention will be held n New York. This was all but ffected on Monday night in Newrk when a Wilson grand lodge committee of five agreed but J. Dalmus Steele of the New York committee of five refused to sign the round robin because the Wilson forces wanted the New York committee to stand the legal and other expenses of the grand Lodge so far incurred in the fight. Perry W. Howard Assistsant U. S. Attorney General and grand Counsel for the order was beaten in his fight against New York by the strategy of the able Attorney Rivers who showed that Ohio where the conventions was held last year and where the Exalted Ruler wanted it this year again had a similar law against colored fraternities like the Elks as the Grattan law here. New York be inferred if the Wilson faction could agree could hold the convention in New York.

Must Pay New York $20,000

Judge Clark also ruled that the Grand Lodge must pay back to the New York Committee monies spent in the interest of bringing the convention to New York City in furtherance of the mandates of the lodge last August in Cleveland, and this also the attorney for the defendants agreed to. Further parley brought the agreement to repay the New Yorkers up to $20,000 on presentation of bills paid, should the convention go elsewhere. He frankly advised the joint committee to get an immunity agreement from the White grand Lodge so that the convention may be held here.

Country Turning to New York

A committee from New York returned Tuesday from a triumphant trip West. The committee including Caspar Holstem, Pope B. Billups, E. R. Thomas Brown, Joseph Brown and J. Dalnus Steele declared that the Chicago Lodges are a unit for New York like other Western and Southern Lodges. As the news has predicted it again says the convention will be in New York. The situation is being rapidly smoothed out.

WHITE ELKS AGREE TO REMOVAL OF BAN ON I. B. P. O. E.

White Grand Lodge Agrees That There Is No Longer Any Animosity Between Branches of Order

New York Elks were jubilant when it became known late Saturday that the Legal Committee of the Convention Committee, which went to Cincinnati to see if it could get an immunity grant from the white grand lodge of Elks—which was meeting in that city last week, was told that the restraining injunction will ultimately be removed from the court records of the State of New York.

Counsellors Francis E. Rivers and Pope B. Billups, assisted by Counsellor Alex T. Schenck, white, of Newark, appeared last Thursday before Frank Malley, newly elected exalted ruler of the B. P. O. E. Malley, who hails from Springfield, Mass., succeeds Charles H. Grakelow of Philadelphia as the head of the white Elks. In the conference with the new white exalted ruler were Grakelow and Attorney Rupp of Allentown, Pa., chairman of the judiciary committee of the B. P. O. E.

INJUNCTION TO BE LIFTED.

The New Yorkers stated their case and, without much parley, laid their cards on the table. Would the white Elks, who obtained the injunction against colored Elks, help to now remove that injunction? That was the only question that really concerned the men sent from New York.

In dealing with Grand Exalted Ruler Malley of Springfield, Mass., the New Yorkers were particularly fortunate in having a square-minded man from the New England States and in Grakelow of Philadelphia, who was formerly Director of Public Safety in that city, they also had to deal with a man who has a broad mind in his thoughts towards the race. These two men soon convinced Attorney Rupp of Allentown that there was no longer any animosity between white and colored Elks, and that there was no longer any reason for the injunction.

Attorney Rupp then agreed to send to the New Yorkers a signed statement to that effect. With this statement, the law committee will go before the Supreme Court and ask that the injunction be removed.

DINE WILSON HERE.

Friday night at a downtown restaurant Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson and the grand legal adviser of the order, Perry Howard of Washington, were dined by a part of the New York convention committee.

Present at that dinner, in addition to Mr. Wilson and Attorney Howard, were: Dr. Hudson J. Oliver, chairman of the local committee; Billy Pierce, David W. McDaniels, Joseph (Blondy) Brown, Thomas H. Brown, Caspar Holstein, John Duncan, Andrew T. Mitchell, Charles M. Hanson, Jerome P. Ottley, Samuel B. Mitchell, and Robert P. Braddicks. Caspar Holstein was chairman of the meeting.

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NEW HOME FOR COLORED ELKS

Dunbar Lodge Purchases Two French Street Properties as Site

ADEQUATE CLUB QUARTERS ASSURED

Property at 716 and 718 French

street has been purchased by the Paul Lawrence Dunbar Lodge No. 106 colored Elks, and will be renovated in the near future as new club quarters.

The property which consists of two three-story residences has a 44 foot front and is 232 feet deep, extending to Walnut street. The purchase price was $30,000.

Plans for alterations to the property will be drawn by Clarence R. Hope, architect in the duPont Building. Detailed plans for the interior have not been completed but a spacious hall and adequate club quarters are assured, Charles H. Gray, exalted ruler of the lodge said yesterday.

The property was purchased from Joseph C. Moore. Quarters now occupied by the lodge at 811 Tatnall street will be for sale. The club has occupied the present quarters since the inception of the lodge 20 years ago.

Plans for the new lodge quarters were made by the following building committee: James H. Price, chairman, John W. Thompson, Dr. J. Bacon Stubbs, Joseph Armstrong, secretary and the grand exalted ruler acting as ex-officio member of the committee.

FRATERNAL WAR LOOMS AS CHANGE IS AFFECTED

West Stands Solidly Behind Proclamation of Finley Wilson — East Prepares to Fight.

CLEVELAND, O., June 30.—Immediately upon receiving the proclamation of the Grand Lodge officers awarding the 28th annual convention of the Grand Lodge, Grand Temple and Juveniles to Cleveland, James F. Greene, exalted ruler of King Tutt Lodge No. 389; Lena G. Brown, daughter ruler of Mary B. Talbert No. 257; Charles S. Smith, exalted ruler of Cuyahoga Lodge No. 95, and Anna Craighead, daughter ruler of Glenara Temple No. 21, I. B. P. O. E. W., under the direction of District Deputy W. W. Williams, appointed a general committee to arrange for the entertainment of the convention, which convenes here August 21-26.

Although the request that Cleveland entertain the convention again places upon the Elks of that city the necessity of sustaining, with two months' notice, a great burden and obligation which ordinarily an entire year is given to prepare for, nevertheless Cleveland lodges have readily responded to the appeal of the grand lodge and are, with wonderful alacrity, going forward to perform the work of entertaining the grand lodge in such a way that it will be considered creditable to the reputation and fame of Cleveland as the leading convention city of the world.

Those who were fortunate enough to attend the convention of 1926 well know that there will be no ground for complaining at the way in which the citizens of Cleveland perform their duty as host. Clevelanders with one accord, proud of the reputation of their city for liberality and fair play, promise to outdo themselves as entertainers, and desire the convention to go forward even more successfully than did that of 1926, and again prove an object lesson of the fact that the virtues and principles, to the practice of which the Elks are dedicated, are alike helpful and ennobling to black men as well as white, and that love, benevolence and fraternity, in larger measure, is an end to be devoutly wished for and striven for by all, and that the Western Reserve of Ohio believes distinctly in "all men up and no men down."

The general committee, of which Councilman Thomas W. Fleming is chairman and J. Wilson Turk and Mollie DeBraun are associate chairmen, is already at work making plans for an even bigger and better convention than that of last year.

From the office of the secretary, Attorney Perry B. Jackson, comes the request that all lodges and temples co-operate with the general committee by communicating with the committee immediately because of the shortness of the time in which to get ready.

Grand Master of Social Sessions

Sidney B. Thompson, chairman of the entertainment committee, announces that the Elks have again been successful in securing Luna Park, one of the most wonderful amusement parks in the country, and that the street carnival will be held in beautiful Thackeray avenue.

The general committee consists of the following: Thomas W. Fleming, chairman; J. Wilson Turk, associate chairman; Mollie F. DeBraun, associate chairman; Z. E. Brown, vice chairman; Perry B. Jackson, secretary; Frank E. Minter, assistant secretary; Selmo C. Glenn, treasurer; James F. Greene, assistant treasurer; Lena G. Brown, daughter ruler Mary B. Talbert temple; Anna Craighead, daughter ruler Glenara temple; Mamie Rose Jackson, grand daughter trustee; Mary La Sante, general chairman arts and crafts; Mary Taylor Browne, district deputy; Alexander Martin, Eugenia B. Mayo, Carrie Lowery, Peary Perry, Georgia McDonald, and the following sub-committee chairmen and secretaries: Finance—Howard Slaughter, chairman; E. B. Johnson, secretary. Housing—Z. E. Brown, chairman; Frank E. Minter, secretary. Entertainment and halls—Sidney B. Thompson, chairman; A. J. Whitehead, secretary. Transportation—Stephen Ball, chairman; Alston Yancey, secretary. Program — William B. Saunders, chairman; Charles J. Gray, secretary. Parade—William R. Green, chairman; J. W. Brown, secretary; Major R. R. Fulton, honorary marshal. Decoration—J. A. Clinton, chairman; W. A. Lewis, secretary. Advertising and publicity—W. W. Williams, chairman; R. S. Chambliss, secretary. Badges—Osborne Jackson, chairman; R. H. McKee, secretary. Headquarters—Welcome T. Blue, Sr., chairman; William A. French, Sr., secretary. Daughter Elks — Lena G. Brown, chairman; Mary La Sante, secretary.

Communications should be addressed to the proper person or committee at the Elks' new home, 2226 E. 55th street, which has been established as the headquarters of the general committee.

Big Split Looms

CHICAGO, June 30.—(By A. N. P.)—That the New York Elks do not intend to sit serenely by and let J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler of the I. B. P. O. E. of W., "rob them of the convention which is rightfully theirs," was the sentiment expressed by the New York delegation that attended the Illinois State convention here last week.

Headed by J. Dalmus Steele, whom Wilson claims is hostile toward him and himself seeking election to the highest office in Elkdom, the delegation from the metropolis of America, swept into the State meeting just as it was about to close here Wednesday and received a hearing. Attorney Pope Billups, acting as spokesman of the delegation, referred to the grand exalted ruler's proclamation which changed the convention from New York to Cleveland, as a tyrannical act and one promoted and inspired by selfishness.

The speaker pointed out the ineffectiveness of the Grattan Law, which is supposed to have caused the change of place and cited instances of the grand exalted ruler setting up lodges in the city of New York and Brooklyn, in "full regalia of the order." Were the law effective, the New Yorker declared, this would not have been possible.

Another indication that the law would in no way hinder or impede the workings of the convention was found in the parade of 10,000 New York Elks recently, under the escort of 15 policemen. The New Yorkers made eloquent pleas for the support of the Illinois contingent, but those in the "know" say that they got little encouragement.

A Split Threatened

While no declaration was made openly, there was a tacit insinuation that New York intended to hold a national convention of the order at the appointed time and, according to J. Dalmus Steele, "every Elk with fifteen cents worth of sense would be in New York."

The grand exalted ruler was here for the opening day and explained his position in the matter. He declared that there was a move on foot to place him in the Tombs if the meeting were held in violation of the law, but the New Yorkers on the other hand averred that a guarantee of $20,000 would be placed to assure him against any molestation whatever.

Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson set forth the fact that the Grattan Law, which prohibits Negro Elks from using the regalia of the order, is yet on the statute books of the State of New York and he fears that the thousands of delegates might be humiliated if the convention were held in New York City. The grand exalted ruler scored a point when he pointed to the fact that Governor Al Smith, a friend of Negroes, Mayor Walker and the Supreme Court had been silent on the matter when approached. A law is law, maintained Mr. Wilson, as long as it remained on the statute books without being repealed.

"Observers from the inside" declare that New York desires the grand exalted rulership and went to the Cleveland convention with the intention of placing a candidate in the field, but changed their minds when with the record of establishing lodges made by the grand exalted ruler throughout the country before them and with delegates from these many new lodges present, they felt that Wilson's position was invincible. With the convention in New York, however, things might be a little different, and the ambition of the Easterners might be realized.

Friends of the grand exalted ruler openly admit that he, too, fears that he will be beaten in New York and intimate that this is the underlying reason for the change of meeting place. Mr. Wilson has made an enviable record as head of the order and has through the power gained by his contact with lodges throughout the country extended the tenure of office from one year to an indefinite period. Some of the Easterners are afraid that he plans to extend this tenure of office to life.

The situation is intense throughout the country and prominent Elks are weighing carefully the case of the two groups. Ben Davis in the far South believes that the grand exalted ruler has "overstepped his power," and his action will mean no good to the order. A bit further North, in Tennessee, W. L. Porter believes that for the good of the order the convention should not be held in the State of New York.

The Chicago lodges probably will go with Wilson, even though many think that three times in so few years is too often for Cleveland.

Those of the inner circle are saying that while many of the prominent members of the order are supporting the grand exalted ruler, they are doing so either because he "has them tied up" or they are doing so in order to find out the true motiv of the change.

Three delegations from New Yor are touring the country in the interests of the New York group and the delegation that attended the Chicago meeting left immediately for Gary and other points in the middle west, the avowed strongholds of the grand exalted ruler.

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LIFTS NEGRO ELKS' STAY

Action May Permit Lodge to Hold Convention Here in August

An injunction of nineteen years standing against the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World, a Negro organization, was suspended temporarily yesterday by Justice George H. Taylor in special term of Supreme Court in White Plains to enable the Negro Elks to hold a national convention in New York City next month.

Justice Taylor reserved decision on the motion to vacate the injunction, granted July 20, 1908, by Supreme Court Justice Morschauser. He will confer with Justice Morschauser, but the injunction is lifted pending decision.

Soon after the Negro order was formed the Grand Lodge of the B. P. O. E. obtained the injunction restraining the I. B. P. O E. of W. from using the name 'Elks" or regalia similar to that of the White Elks. Perry W. Howard of Washington, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, and Republican National Committeemen from Mississippi told Justice Taylor that the Negro Elks might intrude upon them. Howard said the Elks now held no such feeling. Letters were read from high officials of the B. P. O. E. stating that the policy toward the Negro organization has been moderated.

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ELKS' GRAND LODGE WILL BE LOST TO NEW YORK UNLESS LOCAL MEMBERS OF ORDER STRAIGHTEN OUT LEGAL HINDRANCE ENTAILED IN STATE BY THE GRATTAN LAW

By R. B. LEMUS

Glimmering goes the possibility, even remote the probability, of Harlem entertaining the Grand Lodge of Elks this coming August. For unless and until the New York groups, in the initiative—with the fraternity in entirety supporting—can bring about vacation of the permanent injunction which legally restrains the colored Elks in New York State in 26 days, the grand trustees will direct the grand exalted ruler to "proclaim" another convention city.

Doubt that the Elks' Convention would be held in New York in 1927 began with selections of the Metropolis by the Convention at Cleveland in August, 1926, and has steadily increased ever since. This because of the Grattan Law, which makes it a misdemeanor for a colored person to wear the Elk insignia or "to be" an Elk in the Empire State. It seems that there was good reason to believe that the legal disabilities would be removed and all risks eliminated long ere Convention time, through the influence of certain prominent New York members of the I. B. P. O. E. of W.

Decide Against New York.

The situation in March of this year being of the status quo of March, 1926, and of any and every March since enactment of the Grattan law, the trustees met and resoluted to direct the grand exalted ruler to appoint a committee of lawyers to investigate and report on the legal phases of the situation in respect to holding the convention in Harlem. The lawyers met, investigated, and reached the conclusion that the fraternity could not lawfully meet anywhere in New York State.

Obedient to the mandates of the fraternity in convention, and desirous of holding the 1927 sessions in New York, but mindful and equally obedient of the trustees' directions, Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson requested an opinion on the legal phases of the situation from the Hon. Arthur G. Froe, Recorder of Deeds, D. C., a prominent West Virginia attorney of 20 years' experience in higher court procedure and ways. Mr. Froe is of the same opinion as the fraternity's "special legal committee."

J. Finley Wilson's Proclamation

IT IS ENTIRELY too early to foretell the effect Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson's Proclamation, changing the place of the Grand Lodge Session of the Improved, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World, will have on the future of that order. Coming at so late a date — with the convention but two short weeks away — the whole situation seems most unfortunate. The Proclamation gives complete authenticity to reports first published three months ago in The Amsterdam News that New York City might lose the convention — reports which at the time were branded as "premature and inaccurate" by the Grand Exalted Ruler himself, and as "a damaging press canard" by one of our contemporaries.

Much as we dislike seeing New York City lose the convention; much as we sympathize with the local lodges of the order; much as we suspicion the personal and other motives behind the change — inexcusable in view of the fact that officials of the order should have warned the delegates against the selection of New York City last August —we trust that a spiit of the order will not be the only thing to give relief from the throes in which it now finds itself.

TO SAVE the order from disruption a sacrifice must be made — some way, somewhere, somehow, by some one or by many. After all, life is short; time is fleeting, and the future of the whole order should be of greater importance than the success of any one individual.

NEW YORK ELKS AND GRAND EXALTED RULER WILSON IN FINAL FRIENDLY COMPACT

Conciliation Committee and Grand Lodge Men Dine Together In New York and Agree To Hold Grand Lodge In New York City

All differences between the New York Elks and the Grand Lodge officers of the I. B. P. O. E. of W. were ironed out Friday evening, July 15 at a dinner conference between a conciliation committee of local Elks, Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson and Perry W. Howard, grand legal advisor, and Special Assistant Attorney General of the United States.

The court action was discussed and it was decided that the best interest of the order required that the whole matter be smoothed over and everyone get to work now to make the convention a success, as there was but four short weeks left.

It can be positively stated that the convention will be held in New York City and Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson is said to have given every assurance that ths necessary proclamation would be issued.

The committee which conferred with Mr. Wilson and Mr. Howard on Friday was composed of Messrs. Casper Holstein, chairman; Robert P. Braddicks, A. T. Mitchel, Thomas Brown, John W. Duncan Joseph ("Blondy") Brown, Dr. Hudson Oliver, David McDaniels, Samuel B. Mitchell and Billy Pierce.

Both Imperial and Monarch Lodges of Elks have endorsed Mr. Wilson for reelection.

Elks' Controversy Settled

WITH THE PERMANENT suspension of an injunction of nineteen years' standing, which restrained Negroes in New York State from legally calling themselves Elks or using regalia similar to that used by the white order of that name, the ominous skies which have darkened the future of Negro order have cleared for the time being, at least. Therefore, the next session of the Grand Lodge will be held in New York City as previously scheduled.

IT BECAME APPARENT long ago that the whole controversy could and should have been avoided, since the white Elks in the state offered no opposition to the Negro Elks; and it was reasonable to assume that if the white Elks offered no opposition the state would offer none. Through the controversy a way has been found to remove permanently the restraining injunction from the statute books in this state. Therefore, it has served a useful purpose, in spite of the petty jealousies and double dealing which marked it from the beginning to end.

NEW YORK CITY should now get ready to entertain the thousands of delegates the convention will bring to the city from far and near places. A scant month remains with work aplenty for the members of the New York Convention Committees, local lodges of the order, and the public at large. The cooperation of the latter has been asked and should be given in an unstinted manner.

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.
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State Colored Elks to Hold Conference Here Next Week

The colored Elks will hold their annual Colorado state convention here next week. It will open Sunday and continue until August 2.

Announcement is made that the grand exalted ruler of the national association will attend and take part in the program. The Rev. G. F. Tipton, pastor of the Peoples Methodist Episcopal church, also will be a speaker. The delegates will be welcomed by Mayor Victor W. Hungerford.

There will be a mass meeting on the opening day at the Payne chapel. On August 1, there will be a parade, led by a 16-piece band from Denver. There will be drill teams of both men and women in line. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon there will be a ball game at Broadway park. The White Elephants of Denver will play the Brown All-Stars of Colorado Springs. Another feature of the convention will be a barbecue at Stratton park Monday evening followed by a frolic at the auditorium at 10 p. m. Dr. I. E. Moore is exalted ruler of the local lodge.

VICTORY HAILED AS ELK N. Y. BAN GOES FOR GOOD

NEW YORK, Aug. 10—The action of Justice Geo. H. Taylor last week in permanently vacating the injunction in New York against the Improved Benevolent and protective Order of Elks of the World is being hailed as one of the most significant victories of Negro fraternal bodies since the U. S. supreme courts ruling in the Texas' case.

The New York injunction dissolved had been in force since 1908 and restrained the Elks from holding themselves out as of that particular organization in the state. Fight to make clear the way for holding the convention of the Elks in New York lead to the ruling on the restriction.

BAN ON NEGRO ELKS LIFTED.

19-Year-Old Injunction Off Temporarily So They Can Convene.

Special to The New York Times.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., July 23.—An injunction of nineteen years standing against the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World, a Negro organization, was suspended temporarily today by Supreme Court Justice Taylor to enable the Negro Elks to hold a National Convention in New York next month.

Justice Taylor reserved decision on the motion of attorneys for the order to vacate the injunction granted on July 20, 1908, by Supreme Court Justice Morschauser. He will confer with the latter, but the injunction is lifted pending decision and there is every indication it will be vacated.

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10,000 NEGRO ELKS IN PROTEST PARADE

March Precedes Meeting to Fight Bar on Convention Here in August

Nearly 10,000 Negro Elks and women members of the order yesterday afternoon paraded in Harlem and later held a protest meeting in the 369th Regiment Armory in West 143d Street, when speeches were made against the movement by high officials to change the meeting place of the Grand Lodge in August from New York.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World in Cleveland, the delegates voted to come to this city in 1927. But in May Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson of Washington, issued an ultimatum to local lodges that unless by June 15, the Grattan law, passed over a dozen years ago by the New York Legislature, was repealed and an injunction voided which enjoined the Negro body from using the regalia and ritual, the big conclave would go elsewhere.

Yesterday's meeting and parade went to impress Exalted Ruler Wilson that the Negro Elks of New York and the citizens were unanimously in favor of the annual session being held in Harlem. Elks from New Jersey and Connecticut took part in the demonstration. Grand Treasurer James T. Carter came from Richmond, Va. Dr. Hudson J. Oliver, Chairman of the New York Convention Committee, presided.

WHITE ELKS AGREE TO ERASURE OF LAW

NEW YORK, July 27 (ANP)—According to the report delivered the committee from the New York I. B. P. O. E., who returned last week form Cincinnati, where they had been to visit the annual session of the B. P. O. E. (white), the latter have agreed not to oppose their efforts to have the Grattan Law set aside. Counsellor Phillips, chairman of the committee, showed a letter which he explained was signed by Grand Exalted Ruler and Grand Exalted Secretary of the white lodge, stating they were willing that the law should be removed. The secretary of the New York B. P. . E. promised according to the New Yor Elks, to be present at the hearing before Judge Morchauser at White Plains, N. Y., when the case comes up next Friday, and to state that the white Elks no longer oppose the existence of the Negro lodges.

The original resentment of the white is said to be due to a belief on their part that the ritual of their Order was purloined from them to form the basis of the black organization. The slenidid work being done by the Negro antlered tribe has, it is reported, mellowed their attitude.

SESSIONS AND PARADE TO BE HELD IN JERSEY

NEWARK, N. J., July 14.—The controversy regarding the meeting annual session of the Grand Lodge of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World was settled Tuesday when counsel representing the grand lodge and Elk lodges of New York City entered into an agreement.

This agreement provides that the business sessions of the Grand Lodge and the Elks' parade shall be in Jersey City, N. J. and all entertainments for Grand Lodge delegates and visitors shall be held in New York City.

It further provided that if the injunction against the order in New York is dissolved prior to the meeting of the Grand Lodge, both the business sessions and the social affairs will be held in New York City.

Agreement by Phone

The agreement between counsel was confirmed over long distance telephone by J. Finley Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler, in talking with Perry W. Howard, Grand Legal Adviser. Mr. Wilson was in Raleigh, West Virginia, attending the Elks' state convention.

The suit for an injunction to restrain the Grand Exalted Ruler from changing the meeting place from New York City brought by New York lodges was dismissed by consent of the parties.

Cleveland, Ohio, was withdrawn as a contender for the convention by Alexnader H. Martin, an attorney, representing Cleveland Elks.

Judge E. D. Clark of the United States Court for New Jersey, in which the suit had been filed, congratulated both sides upon learning of the agreement.

Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson and Grand Legal Adviser Howard are to be guests of Harlem Elks in New York City Friday night at a get-together affair. At that time plans for the convention will be discuss

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WHITE ELKS DO NOT OPPOSE N. Y. ELK CONVENTION

Way Now Clear for August Meeting; the Grattan Law a Dead Letter

NEW YORK — The New York Grand Lodge, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks (white Elks of Manhattan) are not opposed to the proved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks holding their grand lodge convention in New York, according to a statement given out by W. P. Phillips, grand secretary of the white order, in an inetrvieww Friday.

Mr. Phillips says that his lodge sent a telegram to Dr. Hudson J. Oliver, at the last convention of the Negro Elks in Cleveland and invited the colored grand lodge to hold its next session in this city.

This action was taken, said the grand secretary, only after a meeting of the entire lodge, at which the matter was discussed and voted on. It would certainly be inconsistent to oppose the convention at this time, the secretary concluded, and so far as he knew there has been no protest made.

BILL MAY HALT LODGE PARADE

TRENTON, N. J., March 2.—A bill was recently introduced in the New Jersey legislature by Senator A. Crozier Reeves which many believe will prohibit fraternal organizations among people of color from parading the streets in full regalia.

The bill, as introduced, would make it a misdemeanor for any person or group to wear outward symbols of the several orders unless they are registered with the Secretary of State. Attorney Isaac H. Nutter who is leading the fight against this praticular piece of legislation declared that inasmuch as the Caucasian organizations have registered their buttons, pins, etc., and that those belonging to people of color are similar, the secretary could refuse to register them.

Counselor Nutter, George E. Bates, grand treasurer of the Elks, Attorney L. Leroy Jordan, of Elizabeth, state attorney of the Elks, Counselor Robert Queen, "Judge" Charles Williams of Salem, the Rev. I. W. L. Roundtree, and several other prominent politicians called on Senator Reeves in the Senate Chamber, with reference to the bill, and approached ex-Governor Stokes and members of the Legislature, asking them to defeat this bill. Senator Reeves, who introduced the bill, is president of the Trenton Interracial Committee. He promised to study the bill more carefully before advancing it further.

10,000 ELKS IN PROTEST IN PARADE

March In Demonstration To Overthrow Movement to Change Meeting Place Of Convention

NEW YORK, June 15—Climaxing a hectic period of controversy and strife, nearly 10,000 members of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World Sunday afternoon paraded in Harlem and later held a protest meeting in the 369th Regiment Armory on West 143rd street, when speeches were made against the movement by high officials to change the meeting place of the Grand Lodge in August from New York.

Want Session

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Wilson Must Decide

The demonstration Sunday, it was declared, was just an expression of the attitude of the New York Elks in the case. It went to impress Exalted Ruler Wilson that they were unanimously in favor of the annual session being held in Harlem, it was said. Elks from New Jersey and Connecticut took part in the demonstration. Grand Treasurer James T. Carter came from Richmond, Va. Dr. Hudson J. Oliver, Chairman of the New York Convention presided.

CLEVELAND IS JUSTIFIED FOR CONVENTION

By Rienzi B. Lemus.

Washington, D. C., June 20.

Forasmuch as the future and welfare of the great Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World are of vital concern to the race at large, particularly at this time, on account of the controversy sprung up of the substitution of Cleveland for New York as the Grand Lodge meeting place this year, by proclamation of Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson. I called on Mr. Wilson at his home here Saturday and asked him for an interview in respect to the reasons for the change. He said, "shoot!" The questions and answers, verbatim, follow.

Mr. Lemus: Did the last convention of the I. B. P. O. E. of W. Cleveland vote to go to New York with the understanding that the Grattan law would be repealed through the efforts of the New York Elks and the injunction vacated?

Mr. Wilson: When the delegates from New York sought the support of my friends to have the convention go to New York, my friends frankly called attention to the exigencies of the Grattan Law and the injunction that was still in full force and effect. These delegates headed by the late Gilchrist Stewart, promised that in the event the convention went to New York, the Grattan Law would be repealed and the injunction automatically lifted. Dr. Hudson J. Oliver, J. Dalmus Steele, of New York, and Armond W. Scott, of Washington, and others, stated in the convention that this could be done within thirty days after the next regular session of the Legislature at Albany.

Mr. Lemus: Then I take it, Mr Grand Exalted Ruler, that New York was selected by the convention as the next meeting place tentatively, conditional upon the New Yorkers and their friends having the law repealed?

Mr. Wilson: I am frank to say to you that they would never have voted to go to New York, had they believed at the time of the vote that they were flying in the face of the Grattan Law and the injunction.

Mr. Lemus: Did the 1926 convention, aside from the constitutional provision, specifically instruct the Trustees to look into the situation?

Mr. Wilson: Yes. Through a Proposition (No. 16) passed in Ft. Dearborn Lodge, Chicago, No. 44, on March 17, 1926, which can be seen on page 133 of the Grand Lodge minutes of the 1926 session, which was adopted by the convention, this proposition became a law for the Grand Lodge's protection as our guidance, and gave me the authority, with the approval of the majority of the Trustees, to change the place of meeting of our next Grand Lodge.

Mr. Lemus: Then it seems, Mr. Wilson, that the great Fraternity, with its properly constituted authority of the Grand Lodge at its 1926 session, has fully authorized your action, with the consent of the Trustees, to convene the Grand Lodge elsewhere?

Mr. Wilson: According to my best judgment, under Article 17, Section 2, the Grand Exalted Ruler, with the consent of the majority of the Board of Trustees, may, in case of emergency or extreme necessity, change the time and place of holding the regular annual session.

Mr. Lemus: Forasmuch as your authority to so act is categorically demonstrated, the country wants to know what is the emergency?

Mr. Wilson: The emergency is the infamous Grattan Law, and the B. P. O. E. injunction against the I. B. P. O. E. of W.

Mr. Lemus: Is it a fact that even after your special Grand Legal Committee reported adversely on New York, that you still insisted on going there, and only ultimately proclaimed another convention city, after yielding to the advice of friends and brother officers to seek corroborative legal advice?

Mr. Wilson: Yes, and furthermore every Proclamation since the Cleveland Convention in August to the Flood Proclamation in June has sounded the clarion call "On To New York."

Mr. Lemus: Did you visit Supreme Court Justice Morchauser of New York

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NEGRO ELKS IN SUIT OVER CONVENTION SITE

Lodges Here Get Writ to Prevent Shifting National Conclave to Cleveland.

J. Finley Wilson of Washington, D. C., Grand Exalted Ruler of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World, the Grand Lodge and other officers are restrained from taking any steps to take the national convention of that order from New York City to Cleveland or any other city. The order was issued at Newark yesterday by Federal Judge Runyon on complaint of Manhattan Lodge 45 and Monarch Lodge 4, I. B. P. O. E. of the World, both of New York City, and Thomas Brown, an official of Imperial Lodge 127. Membership in the order is restricted to colored men.

Yesterday, as Wilson marched in the parade in connection with the State Convention of the order in Orange, N. J., the order was served on him by a Deputy United States Marshal.

Because the New York lodges have objected to the "high-handed manner" in which Wilson and George E. Bates of Newark, Secretary of the Grand Lodge, have administered the affairs of the Grand Lodge, and because the officers fear they will fail of re-election, they have conspired to have the convention place changed to Cleveland, the complaint says. The dates announced for the convention are Aug. 22 to 27..

According to the complaint, Wilson receives $4,020 salary, and this, with expenses, gives him an income of about $20,000 annually from the order. There are 150,000 members in the order.

THE ELKS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

No fraternal organization, no matter of what racial group, has essayed as pretentious an educational program as has the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World. Scholarships have been awarded to deserving youth of the Race at some of the very best colleges of which our country can boast. This feature of the Elks has attracted to it the attention of the thoughtful men within and without the fraternity. Under the direction of Judge William C. Hueston, of Indiana, this work has been carried forward with a thoroughness coupled with intelligent direction, that has elicited the commendation of those who are conversant with educational matters. The Commissioner Education himself a lawyer of ability and standing, with a keen sense of appreciation of the requirements of his office, and with a conscientious desire to render service to the youth of the Race, has discharged his duties with a fidelity and personal sacrifice only one with large vision could.

Under his direction there will be given in this city an oratorical contest in which there will be eight high school youths as contestants. The orations of these young orators will be on the Constitution of these United States with special reference to the 14th and 15th amendments. These young people will come from all sections of the country and to the winners in the contest there will be awarded cash prizes to the amount of $1050.

The people of this city should avail themselves of the opportunity to hear these youth. All those who are interested in the educational progress of the Race should cooperate with the local committee to the end that Washington will turn out in large numbers and show appreciation of this great educational movement.

N. Y. ELKS MUST GET ASSURANCE BY JUNE 15TH

National Grand Lodge Meeting Place Brought To Head By Gratton Law

FINLEY WILSON WILL OUTLINE STAND JUNE 10

Expected To Give Decision At Lincoln Colonnade Contest Meet.

WASHINGTON, D. C.— With the New York Lodges of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World awaiting decision of the Grand Exalted Ruler as to the meeting place of the Grand Lodge in August, the matter was brought to a head last week by a decision of the courts of New York State in the Moore vs. Moore Case, setting forth that the Gratton Law is now in full force and effect, and putting Elks on notice of the judgment.

With this law in effect, it is unlawful for any man or woman, not a member of the white organization the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, to use the word as a part of designation of their organization, or to wear insignia bearing such legends as to in anywise confuse them with the white fraternity. Such as willfully break the law are liable to fine and imprisonment in the Tombs. The offense, violation of the permanent injunction, is such a one, in equity, that the Governor of the State is powerless to pardon offenders.

At a meeting of the grand trustees of the order on May 15th, 1927, in Chicago, the New York Lodges were given one month in which to lift the injunction, the legislature having failed to repeal the law over repeated efforts to do so. Power was given the Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson, to call the Grand Lodge elsewhere, should the New York lodges fail in their effort.

Arrest Possible

The Grand Exalted Ruler, aware of conditions of New York politics, has studied the decision of the courts reported in the New York Law Journal of Friday, May 27, 1927, and readily has foreseen possibility of arrest of a large number of non-resident delegates and imprisonment of men without vote in the place of the convention. He has called attention of New York lodges to the citation of the Gratton Law reported in the New York Law Journal, by Mr Justice Churchill, and urge them to special activity before June 15th for setting aside of the injunction, if only for the week of the convention.

The decision making it patent that the Gratton law is not obsolete, the Grand Exalted Ruler, it is understood, will make clear his position before Colored Elks of the country at the Elks national oratorical contest gathering in the Lincoln Colonnade on the night of June 10.

EMERGENCY AMONG ELKS.

According to an article in the Washington Eagle, written by Robert J. Nelson, in which he takes issue with the editor of the Atlanta Independent, the approaching annual session of the Elks is liable to be taken from New York to some other place by mandate of the Grand Exalted Ruler. As the present head of the Elks is also editor of the paper in which this prediction appears, it may be regarded as an inspired publication.

As ground on which the removal of the session may be based, that section of the law of the fraternity is quoted which provides that the Grand Exalted Ruler, with the consent of the majority of the board of trustees, may in case of an emergency or extreme necessity, change time and place of holding the regular session. The emergency that is used to bolster up this necessity for change is an injunction which has never been enforced, forbidding the wearing of Elk insignia by the members of the independent order. As the white members of the order in New York have never sought to have this injunction enforced and it has been regarded as a dead letter for the past ten years, the gravity of the emergency seems to be overestimated.

The laws relating to the order of Elks are classed with the old "Blue laws" as more honored in the breach than in the observance. The real emergency that dictates the removal of the convention to some other city, is the fear that if the session is held in New York, it may be impossible to re-elect the present head of the order. A switch of the convention to some other place is counted upon as necessary to continuance in office of the Grand Exalted Ruler.

We are not so sure that this will prove to be good policy on the part of Mr. Finley Wilson and his associates. Relying on the action of the Cleveland convention in naming New York as the place of meeting this year, extensive preparations have been made to that end, and many lodges and delegates have signified their intention of coming. If the convention is taken away on some such tecnichality as indicated by Mr. Nelson's article, the action will arouse just resentment and probably lose votes for those parties responsible for such sharp practice. The Grand Exalted Ruler would retain more friends and make more votes by keeping faith with the order in New York and holding the convention here, as was pledged at the Cleveland meeting last year.

A breach of faith or a retreat from a field once decided upon is not likely to make the parties to such transaction the winners in any kind of contest. Finley Wilson would win more votes by coming to New York and meeting the issues to be decided, than by retreating under a false pretext to some more favorable place of meeting.

tributed to racial development. This indication of a broader and more liberal policy in the recognition of racial achievement is to be welcomed.

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ELKS

Daughter Elks Meeting Marked Silver Anniversary of The Grand Temple and Jubilee Spirit Permeated Gathering

Baltimore and Boston Marching Clubs Win Parade Prizes; Many Gifts Of Silver Were Made To Grand Daughter Ruler Berry

One of the most harmonious sessions in the history of the Daughter Elks, I. B. P. O. E. of the World, closed Saturday, August 27, at the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, where they have been holding their 25th annual session. This was a very unusual meeting because of the celebration of their Silver Jubilee.

Several days before the opening of the session, every train brought in large delegations from various temples throughout this and foreign countries. Florida was the first to come into the Pennsylvania Station Saturday night before the opening of the meeting Tuesday morning. The train was more than five hours late but the good natured committee of Daughters remained at the station to greet them.

Visitors Saw The Lights.

While a large number of delegates came to attend the grand session, this being their first visit to the Metropolis, they also took advantage of the sight-seeing buses and the many provisions made for them to see the city before leaving. Coney Island, Bear Mountain and other places of amusement, were crowded by the visitors. The old-fashioned Victoria drawn by a horse was frequently seen. This method of transportation has been relegated to the background for more than twenty years, but many of the delegates did not like the idea of being "carried too fast," and choose this way of seeing the city.

The annual parade was held on Tuesday afternoon, the first day of the session, when they were cheered by thousands of admirers who lined both sides of Fifth, Seventh and Lenox avenues for a distance of about ten miles. The prizes for the best dressed and drilled temples were won by the Women's Marching Club of Baltimore, and the Boston Marching Club of Boston.

Daughters Attended Ball.

Wednesday night the Daughters after working in the session from 9 a. m. until late into the night donned their evening gowns and attended the annual dance given at the 369th Armory. Because of the Silver Jubilee, silver dresses and slippers were the predominating apparels. More than fifteen hundred Daughter Elks were in attendance.

The same evening before the dance the Silver Jubilee Committee gave an excellent musical program befitting to the occasion at the Mount Olivet Baptist Church where they were in session, at which time Mrs. Ella Berry, the grand daughter ruler, was presented several gifts as a token of the esteem in which she is held by Daughters throughout the country.

Silver Jubilee Gifts

Mrs. Emma Kelley of Norfolk mother of the Daughter Elks, received several substantial gifts at the Silver Jubilee celebration. She was presented a purse of more than $2,000. Another gift was an umbrella covered with paper money. She also received a large box of silver coins, which was sent by the various temples.

The Grand Daughter Rulr, Mrs Ella G. Berry, who on this occasion was gowned in a beautiful silver lace dress, was presented a package of silver coin, which was presented by a committee headed by Daughter Belle Phillips, traveling deputy of New York.

Mrs. Kelley of Philadelphia had charge of the program. The Norfolk Glee Club of Norfolk, rendered several musical selections.

Roster of Officers.

The following officers were re elected for the ensuing year: Mrs Ella G. Berry, grand daughter ruler Abbie Johnson, grand vice daughter ruler; Hattie Williams, grand assistant daughter ruler; Agnes Garrett grand chaplain; Emma V. Kelley grand secretary; Francis Young grand treasurer; Watson Rudd, grand doorkeeper; Mary Burnside, grand gatekeeper; Nellie R. McCollough grand recording secretary. The grand trustes are: Sadie Davis, Elizabeth Kimbough and Mary Rose Jackson. The new officers elected are: Rosa Blocker of New York, grand escort Mrs. Jackson of Boston, grand trustee Mrs. Betts grand organist.

Saturday afternoon a dinner party was given at the Rossie Dining room in honor of the grand officers by Mrs. Virgie McIntosh of New York, District Grand Deputy. A delicious menu was served by the hostess and many of the guests said that they were leaving New York City with a good taste in their mouth.

The grand session closed Saturday and will convene in Chicago August 1928.

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The Female Band of the Philadelphia Temple won the loving cup at the band conert Wednesday night at Manhattan Casino.

MANY ARE AIDED BY ANTLERS

Last Day Features Free Spending of Funds For Various Causes

By LOUIS R. LAUTIER

NEW YORK, Sept. 1.—Like Congress in the old days of "pork barrel" legislation, when every member in the closing hours of each session sought to put through a bill providing for the expenditure of money in his district, the Elks on the final day of their twenty-eighth annual convention were reckless in voting funds out of their treasury.

When the Grand Lodge convened Saturday morning there was stiff opposition to every motion to make a contribution to anything. Atlanta University was refused. Later there was a motion to reconsider. A heated argument followed. As a compromise, the matter was referred to the education commission.

Other resolutions to make donations were then reconsidered. The convention voted to give Frank Hunter of St. Louis, Mo., $100 for his services as chairman of the committee on committees. It also decided to pay a stenographer $100 for his work in assisting Mr. Hunter. Both of these items had been refused earlier in the day.

With the convention in a giving mood, authority was asked for the grand secretary, George E. Bates, of Newark, N. J., and the grand treasurer, James T. Carter, of Richmond, Va., to pay members of committees for their services. This is the payfore the convention.

Without knowing or asking the amount necessary to pay off, the Grand Lodge gave its authority. The Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer with their staff went to an adjoining room. They were followed by a large majority of the delegates, leaving less than 100 to transact the business remaining before the convention.

An amount exceeding $15,000 was paid out for committee services and as mileage and per diem to Grand Lodge officers.

While the Grand Lodge was in session Saturday morning a telegram advising of the death of Dr. William E. Atkins, second grand exalted ruler, at his home in Newport News, Va., was read to the delegates. Memorial services were immediately held.

At the session Friday a proposition was approved authorizing the Grand Exalted Ruler to appoint a committee to study plans and means for the erection of a shrine. The Grand Lodge also adopted a proposition providing that the Grand Exalted Ruler, the Grand Legal Adviser, the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary shall draft plans for the making of first mortgage loans on Elk homes.

Salaries of Grand Lodge officers were increased. The salary of the Grand Exalted Ruler was increased from $4,020 to $5,000 a year, with an allowance of $1,200 a year for clerk hire. A similar increase and allowance was made for the Grand Secretary. The salary of the Grand Legal Adviser was increased from $600 to $1,200 a year. The salary of the Grand Treasurer was increased from $1,500 to $2,000 a year. The salary of the commissioner of education was increased from $2,000 to $3,000 a year, with an allowance of $1,200 a year for clerk hire.

City Magistrate Maurice H. Gottlieb, a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, extended greetings to the convention. Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson designated Judge William H. Harrison of Chicago, Ill., to respond.

Friday evening a dramatic incident occurred. Miss Ruth Mathews, a student of the Dunbar High School, Washington, D. C., was to deliver her prize-winning oration before the convention. She was the winner of the Elks national oratorical contest. Just as she concluded her introduction expressing her gratitude to the Elks and stated that what was to follow was the winning oration, she swirled and fell to the floor in a faint. She was carried out and revived. She wanted to return and complete her oration. Dr. William J. Thompkins of Kansas City, Mo., and Dr. L. M. Hill of Atlanta, Ga., advised against it.

In a spirited contest Chicago was chosen as the next meeting place. Detroit, Indianapolis and Baltimore wanted the next convention. Indianapolis was withdrawn before the voting was begun. Chicago was nominated by W. A. Davis. The nomination was seconded by Grand Legal Adviser Perry W. Howard, of Washington, D. C., and Judge Harrison. Invitations to the grand lodge to hold its next session in Chicago were extended by Governor Len Small, Senator Charles S. Deneen, Mayor William Hale Thompson, the city council, the chamber of commerce and Great Lakes and Fort Dearborn Lodges.

The election of officers was held Thursday. Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson, Grand Secretary Bates, Grand Treasurer Carter, Commissioner of Education William C. Hueston, Grand Esteemed Leading Knight Dr. S. H. George, Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight Dr. Roland Johnson and Grand Inner Guard Charles E. A. Starr were re-elected. Other officers elected were Joseph James, Jacksonville, Fla., Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight; William H. Emmerson, Lexington, Ky., Grand Tyler; "Honest" John Duncan, New York City, Grand Trustee to succeed Edward W. Berry of Chicago.

ill.; C. M. Hanson, New York city, Floyd C. Payne, Washington, D. C., and Dr. Thomas L. Love, Raleigh N. C., Grand Auditors, and Willian L. Jackson, Philadelphia, Grand Esquire.

J. Dalmus Steele, of New York city, opposed Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson for re-election. The Wilson machine was working smoothly. James Martin of Ft. Dearborn Lodge, Chicago, moved a suspension of the rules and election by roll call instead of by secret ballot. This motion was seconded by John H. Wilson of Columbia Lodge, Washington, D. C. It was adopted.

Judge Harrison nominated Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson for a sixth term. A Finley Wilson demonstration followed. John H. Wilson announced that for the first time since the election of Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson, Columbia Lodge, of which he is a member, would unanimously vote for his election.

Making a plea for freedom of speech and action in the grand lodge, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Armond W. Scott of Morning Star Lodge, Washington, D. C., nominated Past Grand Exalted Ruler George W. F. McMechen, of Baltimore, Md Dennis Edwards of Manhattan Lodge, New York City, nominated Mr. Steele.

At the close of the speech nominating Mr. Steele, Dr. Hudson J Oliver of Monarch Lodge, New York city, seconded the nomination of Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson. The convention came to its feet and cheered wildly. When order was restored, C. M. Hanson of Imperial Lodge, New York city, also seconded the nomination of Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson. Charles H Calloway of Kansas City, Mo., and Thomas L. Higgins of Brooklyn also made short speeches seconding the nomination of Mr. Wilson.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler George E. Wibecan of Brooklyn was placed in nomination by the Rev. F. M Jacobs. Suggesting that now was a good time to clean house, Samuel J. Battles of New York City seconded the nomination of Mr. Steele J. W. Dobbs of Atlanta, Ga., and M. A. Norrell of Richmond, Va., seconded the nomination of Mr. McMechen.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Scott withdrew the nomination of Mr. McMechen in favor of Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson "in the interest of progress and harmony and by direction of Past Grand Exalted Ruler McMechen." The convention sang "Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here." Past Grand Exalted Ruler Wibecan declined the nomination and released the delegates from Brooklyn Lodge to vote as they choose. Past Grand Exalted Ruler McMechen himself seconded the nomination of Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson.

Grand Legal Adviser Perry W Howard sought to have Steele withdraw his candidacy and let Mr. Wilson be elected by acclamation. While they stood and talked a crowd gathered around them and the delegates again broke into song. Mr. Steele refused and Grand Secretary Bates began the roll call. Lodge after lodge responded, casting its votes for Wilson. Lighthouse Lodge No 9, Atlantic City, gave Steele nine votes. Williams Lodge, Richmond, Va., gave Steele one vote and Wilson 18 votes. Capital City Lodge, Richmond, Va., cast one vote for Steele and eight for Wilson. O. V. Catto, Philadelphia, gave Wilson its 27 votes. Morning Star Lodge, Washington, D. C., cast two votes for Steele and 25 for Wilson. Fort Dearborn, Chicago, gave Wilson 24 votes and Monarch gave him 30, and there was another demonstration.

Manhattan Lodge cast its 20 votes for Steele. Having received only 36 votes to Mr. Wilson's 269, Mr. Steele mounted the rostrum and conceded the remaining votes to Mr. Wilson.

Robert J. Nelson opposed Grand Secretary George E. Bates, but he withdrew before the voting had gone very far. He had not received a single vote. Thomas F. Fleming of Cleveland, O., was a candidate for grand treasurer, but he declined the nomination.

The reports of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer showed that the Grand Lodge has $100,17(cash in banks and $10,000 in Liberty bonds. This represents an increase of $12,707 over the amount reported at Cleveland last year. The receipts of the year amounted to $57,04(The disbursements amounted to $40, 97. The Grand Lodge contributed $4,600 to charity.

The Grand Lodge convened Tuesday but adjourned on account of the parade. It really began its work Wednesday morning when the reports of officers were heard.

MOOSE BARRED IN BALTIMORE

BALTIMORE, MD., Nov. 30—As a result of a suit filed by a Caucasian secret order, a local colored Moose organization here has been denied the privilege of using the word Moose in its name.

An opinion filed with Circuit court No. 2 by Judge Robert F. Stanton, will grant an injunction asked by the Supreme Lodge, Independent Benevolent, Order of Moose and Baltimore Lodge No. 70 of that order, against the Supreme Lodge, Independent Benevolent and Protective Order of Moose and Concordia Lodge, restraining them from the use of the word Moose.

The opinion pointed out that the emblems and part of the ritual of the two organizations were virtually similar.

Officers of the colored Moose said they will take the case to higher courts.

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60,000 Negroes Hail King Saul As Parade Hero

'Greatest Procession in History,' All but Ruined by Rain, Is Turned Into a Triumph by Drum Major

His Cake Walk Does It

20,000 Marching Elks Step Out With New Spirit as 40,000 Spectators Cheer

By Beverly Smith

Damped and almost routed by yesterday's heavy rain, the "greatest Negro parade in history" was dramatically revived, inspired and glorified by the personality of a hitherto obscure drum major, King Saul Chisolm.

More than 20,000 Elks and Does of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World were on the march. With multicolored raiment bedraggled, with expensive regalia ruined by the downpour, they had marched with brave hearts from Sixty-first Street up Fifth Avenue. Turning across at 110th Street and trudging sloshily up Lenox Avenue, they were approaching the heart of Harlem.

Miracle Needed to Save the Day

What if the crowds, two and three deep along Fifth Avenue, had been apathetic? White people don't properly appreciate parades, anyway. "Just wait till we reach old Harlem," was the reassuring whisper along the ranks.

And now the vast procession, with quickened step and happy heart, was swinging along 135th Street and turning up Seventh Avenue. Here were the crowds of colored folk, eighteen deep, along the sidewalks, jamming a thousand windows, leaning perilously over crowded roofs. Here was the $18,000 worth of bunting, flags and streamers. Here was the grand reviewing stand, overflowing with Harlem's elite.

But where was the enthusiasm? Where was the tumult and the shouting? Cold doubt ran like a chill through the marching thousands. The great leaders of the B. P. O. E. W. were themselves helpless. Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson, the dynamic "Little Napoleon," riding at the head in his luxurious motor car, was distrait and without resource. J. Dalmus Steele, his formidable rival, marched ponderously, democratically, but ineffectually among the Philadelphia cohorts two miles back in the ruck. The crisis was at hand. Only a miracle could now save the greatest Negro parade in history.

"Yes, Sir, That's My Baby"

And like a miracle it happened. The 40,000 spectators, drenched into unwilling lethargy, saw Drum Major King Saul Chisolm, leading his Manhattan Lodge No. 45 sixty-piece band, swing the corner into Seventh Avenue. They saw him look up at the vast silent crowds in momentary dismay. They saw his huge baton twirl valiantly, his lean old frame straighten up to its full six feet four, his white eyes roll in his ebony face, his wet white plume flirt in the air, and his huge Russian boots twitch in an old fashioned cake walk pigeon step too quick for the eye.

For yet a moment the pall of silence clung. Then there was a shout. Then a cheer. And the wave of sound grew like an explosion in a munitions factory.

As he passed the reviewing stand King Saul Chisolm rolled his eyes so far to the right that only the whites were visible. His flashing boots bore him along far above the ground. His baton whirled around and above him without seeming guidance from his hands. The crowd got almost out of control, and colored belles, breaking through the police lines, charlestoned on the wet asphalt to the strains of King Saul Chisolm's band. "Yes, sir, that's my baby!"

The multitude did not know that King Saul Chisolm, who works nowadays as a humble housecleaner and journeyman waiter for caterers, was winning cake walk prizes thirty years ago from New Orleans to Boston; or that, in 1908, he was special Pullman waiter to William Howard Taft on the Presidential train. But they knew that he "had the stuff."

King Saul has not known greatness in recent years. He has been content to make a quiet living. With the passing of middle fifties his joints have stiffened.

But yesterday, at the darkest hour, his old mettle showed true. He was not daunted and, like Cyrano, he still had his snow white plume. The parade rules specifically forbade the cake walk. Let others know their rules. King Saul knew his crowd.

A Triumphal Procession

King Saul's cake walk turned the soggy march into a triumphal procession. On they came now with a new spirit, the Manhattans and the Monarchs and the Imperials, of New York; the Progressive Lillies, of Brooklyn; the King Tuts, of Cleveland; the Monumentals, of Baltimore; the La Havanas, of Cuba. From Chicago and Florida, from California and Connecticut, they were there.

Chew John, the millionaire Chinese who has a chop suey chain from Connecticut to Pennsylvania, was prominent among the past exalted rulers of the Imperials. This lodge has no less than twenty-five Chinese among its members, "fine fellows who mind their own business and pay their dues years in advance," according to Charles M. Hanson, secretary of the general entertainment committee.

Joseph Booze, Methodist chaplain of the Baltimore lodge, marched the entire six miles in the rain in full vestments and with an open Bible in his outstretched hands.

A green ambulance accompanied the parade without a single customer. I. B. P. O. E. W. members are subject to ills like other humans, but not during a parade.

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SIX BANDS LEAD NORFOLK PARADE

NORFOLK, VA.—Led by six bands several thousands, repreesnting War Units and fraternal organizations, will march through the streets Saturday in celebration of the emancipation.

The reviewing stand, a gift of the city, is set up on Chapel street. City officials will review the parade on Granby street.

Twenty silver loving cups have been provided for the organizations making the best showing. Judges include the Rev. R. H. Bowling, W. H. Land, W. M. Rich, P. B. Young and B. B. Noble.

W. W. Wilson is president of the celebration committee and Walter Smith, chief marshal.

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Negro Lodge Holding Session in Camden.

Special to the Gazette.

Camden, Aug. 2.—Five hundred negroes, members of the district grand lodge of the Household of Ruth, m here yesterday in annual conventi The convention will be in sessi three days. H. E. Carolina and S. Jones were elected leaders of the der.

Household of Ruth.

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Supreme Lodge Session at Huntsville, Alabama

The Independent Order of Immaculates will hold its 19th biennial session at Huntsville, Ala., July 5th.

The meeting will be presided over by Dr. J. B. Singleton, the Supreme Master. There will be delegates from Nashville, Chattanooga, Columbia, Gallatin, Lebanon, Birmingham, Decatur, Troy, Alabama, Union Springs, Franklin, Ky., Kansas City, Kansas, Los Angeles, Calif., and many other places. They have been promised a good meeting by the people of Huntsville. The order has local lodges in ten states and each state will be represented.

The Nashville delegation will leave Monday night, July 4th. The session will continue three days.

Independent Order of Immaculates.

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The Independent Order of True Reformers

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This Order wants to set up this year lodges in every town and community in this State where there is no lodge, and to do this it needs and wants more workers. Liberal financial terms will be given to any faithful and earnest worker, male or female, who may apply.

Raleigh N.C.

For special information concerning the terms of working up lodges or clubs for this Order in North Carolina, write at once to

JOHN F. K. SIMPSON,
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International Order of Twelve.

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NEGRO LODGE TO HOLD MEET HERE

The International Order of Twelve, colored lodge, will hold its annual convention here Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Two hundred members are expected to attend.

Tuesday will be devoted to business matters. Preceding the picnic to be held at Bon-Air park Thursday afternoon, a parade will be staged in the downtown district. Because of the illness of the presiding officer, Mrs. Maggie Gaston Roberts, Kokomo grand high preceptor of the state organization, will preside at the meeting.

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Knights of Gideon.

KNIGHTS GIDEON HOLD THIRTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

This year 1927 marks the Thirtieth Annual Session of the Supreme Lodge Knights of Gideon which was held at South Hill, Va., August 6th to 12th 1927. A special car on the Southern Railway was chartered to take care of the delegation in this section of the state, embracing, Norfolk, Princess Anne, Nansemond, Isle of Wight Counties. Delegates from other sections going direct to South Hill. The sessions were held in the County Training School, a beautiful new building with a spacious Auditorium and all modern conveniences. The Rev. J. J. Malnor of Norfolk, Va., presided during the sessions most pleasingly.

The welcome address of His Honor Y. M. Hodges was a most cordial one and spoke in no uncertain terms regarding his regard for the order and for those who were members of it. Said he "The members of the order Knights of Gideon in South Hill are our best citizens, highly respected citizens, and I feel it an honor to be invited to extend a welcome to you. So well pleased are the citizenry at large to have this convention held here, and being so certain of the tenets which you represent that all of the police had been given a vacation for the entire week." The town was ours to enjoy without fear of molestation. Mrs. Amelia J. Felton of Portsmouth, Va., responding most fittingly to this address and voiced the sentiments of the Order when she assured his Honor that no act would be permitted by any member of the organization that would bring reproach upon the race, town or order, while in their midst. The annual Sermon by the Rev. George R. Jones, S. V. C. was eloquent and timely. Jerimiah 6:1. Subject, "Looking for a Man."

The report of the Supreme Scribe Sir F. E. Puryear was a masterpiece. Sir Puryear gave a brief resume of the work of the organization for thirty years, and was able to prove by facts and figures that this its thirtieth year was the greatest in its history. The report showed that more than 1209 members added and a substantial financial increase over any previous year. All death claims paid and the organization better prepared to go forward than ever before. The Juvenile report showed marked progress, and was highly commented upon. The women of this department having worked hard looking forward to the setting of the Grand Lodge, entertained the public and delegates on Wednesday night with an elaborate program, placing upon the table more than $250.00 dollars as their gift to the department, after which a great Candle Light service closed the affair.

The crowning even of the session was its Mammoth parade on Thursday, headed by a local band from Meridithville, Va., the Knights of Gideons, men, women and children formed this parade and marched thru the principal streets of the town. The parade was colorful with bright regalia and banners, exciting favorable comment from all sides. The white citizens of the town turned out en-mass to view this sight and declared that it was the finest event ever witnessed in that section. His Honor Y. M. Hodges stood with uncovered head during the progress of the parade.

Much enthusiasm was manifested during this the thirtieth session, a plan was launched to make suitable plans for a celebration in honor of our three officers, namely Rev. J. J Malnor, S. C., Sir F. E. Puryear, S. S., and Sir E. J. Puryear, S. Treas., who for thirty years have led this organization, bringing it up to its present standard.

The following officers were elected and installed: Miss Rebecca Creath, Deputy Scribe, Meredithville, Va.; Sir S. S. Bailey, D. M. at arms, Danville, Va.; Rev. R. A. Freeman, D. Prelate, Capron, Va.; Mrs. Mary L. Clark, D. I. Guard, Cardinal, Va.; Sir Frank Price, D. O. Guard, Roanoke Va.; Mrs. Amelia J. Felton S. B. Director, Portsmouth, Va.

Juvenile Officers

Mrs. M. E. Miller, G. S. M., Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. P. T. Wells, G. V. S. M. Elkhorn, W. Va.; Mrs. C. A. Briggs G. Sen., McKenny ,Va.; Mrs. A. Wilkerson, G. Prelate, Capron, Va.; Mrs Ida Parker, G. Treas., Danville, Va.; Mrs. E. J. Jordan, G. R. Sec., Boykins Va.; Miss S. F. Stanback, G. F. Secretary, Portsmouth, Vae; Mrs. Kate Barnes, G. M. at Arms, Bayside, Va.; Mrs. Belle Bailey, G. I. G., Danville, Va.; Mrs. Cora Butler, G. O. G., Brandy, Va.; Miss S. M. Hamlin, G. Lecturer, Norfolk, Va.

After much felicitation and enthusiasm, the Grand Lodge closed to meet at Brandy, Va., August 1928, having held the most harmonious and progressive session of all its career.

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SIMMONS DELIVERS ANNUAL ADDRESS TO NEGRO CONVENTION

Roscoe Simmons last night talked for more than two hours in the interest of the American negro, at the opening of the week's convention of the negro Knights of Pythias of Florida, at the Temple Theatre here. A number of whites sat in reserved seats in front of the auditorium which repeatedly rocked with cheers and handclapping as the colored orator detailed the history of the negro.

Simmons interspersed his well delivered address with a history of the American negro from the time of the War of 1812. He pointed out that the negro had made great progress in the past 50 years, adding that he was 100 percent American. Dixie is the home of the American negro, he stated. He lauded Booker T. Washington and other great American negro educators and pleaded that America open the school doors to the negro.

The speaker paid a high compliment to Mayor E. G. Peek for his welcome address. He also praised the various officers of the colored Knights of Pythias responsible for its growth and standing in Florida.

The Temple Theatre was jammed. A musical program was also given.

A torchlight procession, in which upwards of 5,000 will march through the streets of the city, is scheduled to start at 8:30 o'clock tonight.

STAR
Ocala Fla
APR 8 1927

EGRO CONVENTION TO ATTRACT 10,000 KNIGHTS TO OCALA

The forty-ninth annual convention of the Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias, the largest colored secret society in the state, with a membership of 22,000, to be held here May 14 to 21, is expected to bring upwards of 10,000 colored delegates and visitors from all over Florida to Ocala. This will be the third time the lodge has met here.

One of the features of the convention will be the torchlight parade, to take place on Tuesday, May 17, and in which upwards of 5,000 will march through the main parts of the city.

The convention proper will be held in the Metropolitan Bank building and the women's auxiliary meeting in Mt. Zion church.

The problem confronting the finance committee is to raise $1,500 to erect a temporary open air pavilion to accommodate the visitors. Mayor E. G. Peek started the ball rolling with a $25 donation and Ray and Thomson are second on the list with a similar contribution. The committee is hopeful of raising the necessary money for the housing of the large delegation of colored visitors.

According to Gibbs Crompton, chairman of the finance committee, this will be one of the biggest colored events in the state and is said to have the approval of many leading citizens here.

Others on the committee are F. P. Gadson, J. S. LaRoche and E. C. Hampton.

DES MOINES
IOWA
JUN 29 1927

Negro Organizations Hold Public Reception

The order of the colored Knights of Pythias is holding its thirty-first grand session here in conjunction with the Court of Calanthe. The public reception was given to more than 100 delegates at the St. Paul A. M. E. church last night. Mrs. Susie Lee Harp, an employee of the city of Des Moines, in the absence of Mayor Fred Hunter, delivered the welcome address, to which Attorney George H. Woodsen and C. L. Washington responded. Other addresses were given by the grand chancellor and the grand worthy councilor.

AGE-HERALD
BIRMINGHAM, ALA.
AUG 7 1927

THE COLORED KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

To the Editor The Birmingham News:

I am interested in The Birmingham News, and consider it one of the greatest institutions in the entire country as a molder of sentiment with strong opinions on institutions, men and things. The News is in a class almost by itself. I am a constant reader of it, and have been for more than 20 years.

I noticed several days ago articles on the Colored Knights of Pythias of Alabama, and its troubles aired on your editorial page. The first article by Rev. J. B. Carter, another by E. D. Brown, in the Title Guarantee Building, and The News' editorial opinion of Sunday, July 31.

I am sure The News, Mr. Brown and Rev. Carter are writing without the facts, and in answer to the accusation that the men behind the Pythian investigation are disgruntled and office-seekers is not according to the records, and does not comport with the actual existing facts. The writer has been a member of the Colored Knights of Pythias of Alabama for nearly 30 years, a member of the official family for about 15 years, and for many years a member of the supreme lodge representing Alabama there as one of its delegates. I was supposed to have been on the inside, but at last when I awoke I found that there was an inner-circle that the writer himself could not enter.

I believe that the editor of The Birmingham News meant well when he corrected the statement appearing in The News' columns in headlines: "Bankrupt Proceedings of Negro Knights of Pythias," and I am very glad that you did for the welfare of the order. But, right here let me say, if the reckless expenditure of the order's money is not stopped as shown by certified accountants' reports I can see nothing but bankruptcy for the institution, and this will come from the actions of the very men that you spoke so well of. They are in full charge of the funds of this Order, and they know they are charged by the insurance commissioner of the state of Alabama as violating the insurance law in the extravagant use of the funds, and demands are made upon them by that department to replace these funds.

I do not think it fair to the attorney general, or to any one who seeks to correct these errors by lawful procedure to be called malecontents, office-seekers, and a handful of soreheads as published in your paper a few weeks ago by U. G. Mason, one of the men who is charged in the indictment for the misuse of these funds. These officers are high-salaried men. These funds come from a very poor and humble class of people who need the protection of your great newspaper, and such other agencies as your publication is likely to influence. I happen to know some of the men who are interested in this investigation, and I know that when you charge them with being defeated for office, or seeking office, why this investigation, that you do them an injustice. I know there is a tendency on the part of officers to impress the public that the records of the officers are clear and above suspicion, except as brought on by certain persons who have been defeated for office, or desire to oust present officers for ulterior motive. As a matter of fact none of this is true, and does not involve the slightest of the contentions. Of course, I can see without the facts before The Birmingham News, and with the story presented them by officers under indictment and investigation The News would innocently make the statement in the sixth paragraph of its editorial opinion of Sunday's issue. I do not think that the attorney general could be regarded as self-seeking, neither could they who represent him be regarded as such.

Birmingham, Aug. 6. A. G. BENNING.

PRESS
Riverside Cal
JUL 26 1927

COLORED K. P. IN SESSION

Convention Featured Last Night By Big Parade. Mayor Gives Welcome

Featuring the Grand Lodge session of the Colored Knights of Pythias and Order of Calanthes tonight in Odd Fellows hall will be an exhibition drill by En Avant Company No. 2, uniform rank, at 8 o'clock, with Capt. S. Leo commanding.

Following the drill a program will be conducted by the Dramatic Order Knights of Omar, followed by an initiation into Dokkie mysteries, conducted by Omar Temple No. 5, of Santa Monica.

There were two sessions of the grand lodge of the knights and grand court of the Order of Calanthes today in the assembly room of the Girls' Junior high school, with J. Allen Reese, grand chancellor, and Mrs. L. A. Brown, grand worthy counsellor.

Last night's program in Odd Fellow's hall, following the parade of the lodge men and lodge women, was in the nature of a public reception, attended by a throng of delegates that taxed the capacity of the hall.

Grand Prelate T. Allen Harvey, D.D., gave the opening prayer, and Mayor John Jarvis welcomed the colored lodge men and lodge women to Riverside.

The welcoming address on behalf of Morning Star lodge of Riverside was given by Sir F. W. Cooper, D.D., while Mrs. Mattie Jordan made the address of welcome in behalf of Orange Blossom Court, Order of Calanthes, Riverside. Miss Melba Allen, talented pianist, featured the program by a delightful group of numbers, and vocal numbers were given by Mrs. J. Rogers.

The responses were made by Lula A. Brown, grand worthy counsellor, and J. Allen Reese, grand chancellor.

The grand lodge sessions will close tomorrow with two meetings, morning and afternoon. Officers will be elected and installed at the afternoon session.

The evening program will be in Odd Fellows hall, where the convention promenade and the grand march by grand lodge and grand court officials will be held.

The visiting delegates will be taken for an automobile drive Thursday morning, starting at 9:30 o'clock, from the Girls' junior high school. A visit to the Mission Inn will precede the drive. The automobile tour will include all points of interest in Riverside and a trip to Elsinore.

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Riverside Cal
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COLORED K. P. LIKE RIVERSIDE

Give High Praise of Treatment Received by Riverside People

Grand lodge of the Colored Knights of Pythias and the grand court of the order of Calanthes, yesterday evening closed the most successful state convention ever held in California, according to T. S. Dawson, secretary of endowment.

"Riverside is a wonderful city and just as beautiful as it is wonderful," he said. "We have been treated royally by the people of your city and we want to come again.

"The men and women here who had charge of the arrangement for the grand lodge and grand court conventions are to be praised for the successful way the

program of entertainment was arranged and conducted. It is only fair to say that the colored population of Riverside is made up of a very fine class of people, and it was a pleasure to be thrown in contact with them.

"We feel that the Riverside Daily Press is entitled to our thanks for the conservative manner in which it published the proceedings of the conventions and for the recognition the paper gave us while in Riverside."

The convention of the grand lodge came to a close yesterday afternoon with the election and installation of officers.

J. Allen Roose of Venice was elected grand chancellor. Pasadena is the convention city chosen by the delegates for the 1928 convention. Other officers elected were:

Dr. W. W. Purnell, Oakland, grand vice chancellor; Rev. T. Allen Harvey, Sacramento, grand prelate and supreme representative; J. G. Lindsay, Los Angeles, grand master of the exchequer; T. B. Norman, Los Angeles, grand keeper of records and seals; T. S. Dawson, Oakland, secretary of endowment; J. L. Crossen, Oakland, treasurer of endowment; E. D. Mabson, San Francisco, grand attorney; W. E. Richardson, Sacramento, grand medical registrar; J. W. Jones, Pomona, grand master at arms; R. E. Maddock, Chico, grand lecturer; Paul Alexander, Los Angeles, grand outer guard.

The officers were installed by Past Grand Chancellor J. P. Rivers of Oakland.

T. S. Dawson, secretary of endowment, reported that $29,725 had been received during the past year and $17,642 had been paid out in claims and the salaries of officers. The sum of $10,000 was invested in bonds and securities.

During the year 48 deaths were reported.

The convention ball in the Odd Fellows hall last night was a delightful function, attended by many of the Knights and their ladies. The grand march at 9 o'clock was led by the officers of the grand lodge and grand court.

Today the delegates enjoyed a visit to the Glenwood Mission Inn, the guests of F. A. Miller and Mrs. Alice Richardson, following which they saw Riverside by automobile and terminated their auto trip at Lake Elsinore.

"STOP THIEF"

If there is anything whatsoever to the suggestion that it is possible for the body to be restless after death, the measly and miserable frame of poor old Ben Davis, of Georgia Odd Fellows fame, will play many a contortionistic trick in the pine box used to house his frame in the sandy loam of the "Cracker State" unless he should be successful in having himself designated the official critic of Negro journalism before the breath should leave his evil flesh.

The most noticeable of his recent meddling into affairs of no concern to him is shown by the editorial appearing in the last issue of his sheet, The Atlanta Independent, at which time he seeks to discuss the Alabama situation dealing with the order of Knights of Pythias of that state. Ben seeks to have it appear that he is running to the defense of the Pythian order, but when one reads his bosh they will readily note that it is another clumsy effort of the poor old Georgia "peach" to throw the blame for the failure of the Odd Fellows onto the shoulders of others.

The destruction of the order of Odd Fellows in the state of Georgia was brought about by Ben himself, who employed the very same tactics which he charges are being employed by certain people in Alabama to destroy the Pythian order. It was Ben's greed for cash, his insatiable desire to gain control, and his usual rule or ruin policy that caused the Odd Fellows in particular and the race in general to lose a tremendous amount of valuable property in Georgia. Now the poor old fellow, who is a back number indeed, would have it appear that others caused the destruction of the order.

While we hold no brief for the Phythians of Alabama, neither do we know of the merits of the contentions of those directing criticism toward the order. Our observation in this connection is based on our knowledge of the insincere motive of Old Ben, who not only destroyed the Odd Fellows in his state because of his treacherous tactics, but the same tactics were employed by him in bringing about the destruction of the Standard Life Insurance Company.

Just another case of "thief, thief—stop the thief," when Ben is the thief himself.

GREEN LEADS GREATEST FORCE TO CHICAGO; 40,000 INVADE CITY; GREAT PROGRESS MADE

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 18.—(Special to The Reporter.)—The Pythians are here for supreme session, and they come from nearly every state in the union. According to Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green, who is directing the affairs here it is the largest attended session of any in the history of the order. Unity of action and co-operation on the part of all is everywhere evident.

The Supreme Lodge has thirteen officers, one hundred and four delegates representing 2,670 lodges, with a membership of more than 197,000, and 3,604 courts with more than 68,000 women members; totaling nearly 275,000 as a rostery combining men and women.

In his address the matchless, and altogether convincing leader, Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green, recited many outstanding conditions of the Order throughout America, its policies, and the scope of work being covered by the fraternity throughout the civilized world. The organization has $2,297,121 in assets, and a surplus of $1,564,742.00, according to a statement of C. E. Mitchell, chairman of the finance committee.

Supreme Chancellor and Staff Will Be Re-elected

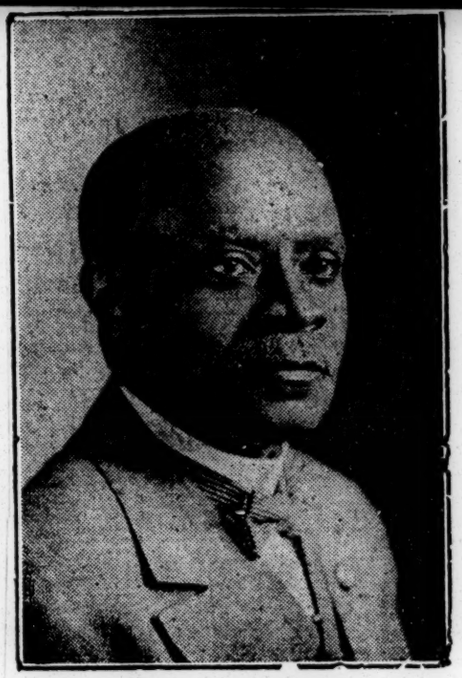
There is no contest for office. The marvelous success made by Supreme Chancellor Greene in building up the fraternity throughout the country, and his progressive program now in vogue calls the strength and character of the entire fraternity to his support. He will be re-elected without a dissenting vote.

The only interesting contest that has developed at present is the contest for the next place of meeting. Dallas, Texas, is making a strong pull for the biennial session, and Indianapolis, Indiana, is fighting hard for the coveted honor. At present the sentiment seems to favor Indianapolis. It is believed that 6,000 uniform rank men are present in camp with more than 40,000 visitors registered. The Regiment Bands of Columbus, Ohio, and Louisville, Ky., are present and make a picturesque showing.

West Virginians Garbed As Miners

The West Virginia representatives are here, garbed as miners with coal-mine car and mule. They are representing the interest of that section in a most attractive manner.

Supreme Chancellor Greene in his address recommended a commission to be formed on monuments to former Supreme Chancellors—Stringer and Starks, and it is working vigorously to the and that these monuments be erected at the earliest possible time. He paid a lasting tribute to the early founders of the order, and extolled the virtues of Stringer and Starks, former Supreme Chancellors.



S. W. GREEN
Supreme Chancellor

Temple To Be Completed At An Early Date

The million dollar temple and national home for the Pythians in Chicago, Illinois, is to be completed within the next year. The Supreme Chancellor recommended that every jurisdiction that is able to do so purchase bonds for the early completion of the building, and these bonds be distributed to subordinate lodges from the Grand Lodge department of the several jurisdictions. This recommendation seems to have met with popular favor, and the subordinate branches will be privileged to purchase these bonds, and share directly in this mammoth enterprise.

The Competitive Drill

The Grand Competitive Drill on Friday promises to be one of the greatest events of the work, with several thousand dollars in cash prizes as the awards, a special incentive offered to the various companies to do their very best in their exhibition. The drill will be staged in the stadium, the scene of the Army-Navy game.

Delightful band concerts and drills are being staged daily at the camp grounds at 95th and State Streets, where several thousand men are in camp.

Supreme Chancellor S. W. Greene, and Grand Chancellor Allen A. Westley are pleased at the showing of the order, and delighted with the reception being given the Supreme Lodge and its large number of visitors.

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Chicago Pythians Dedicate Million Dollar Temple After Parade in Rain

Harmony Reigns at Great Convention — Progress Shown in All States—Big Surplus on Hand

Amsterdam News
New York

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 23 (By the Associated Negro Press)—Threatening weather with intermittent spells of light rain marred the picturesque parade of the uniform rank of the Knights of Pythians of N. & S. A. E. A. & A. to the extent of occasioning some defections on the part of more conservative members, especially in the female contingent. In spite of this, there were more than five thousand Knights in line. military discipline prevailed. Ros-

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The executive sessions of the
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der similar to the Shriners, met in
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Park boulevard.

The uniform rank, 6,000 strong,
was encamped for the week on a
South State street grounds, where

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Corner Stone Placed for National Temple

"It is indeed fitting that in Chi
cago should be laid the corner stone
of this, the national temple, which
will be dedicated to the development
of the negro race," declared J. Ru-
pert Jefferson, grand worthy councillor
of the negro Knights of Pythias, at
ceremonies at Thirty-seventh place
and State street.

A welcome reception was held at
the Metropolitan Community center,
4100 South parkway, where tribute
was paid to S. W. Green, for twenty
years supreme chancellor of the or-
der. An address of welcome was
made by A. A. Wesley, grand chan-
cellor of Illinois.

The supreme lodge session opened
today at Forum hall. Late in the day
there was a dress parade, drill and
Mardi Gras at the encampment
grounds, Ninety-fifth and State
streets.

Knights of Pythias.

DALLAS LOSES NEXT PYTHIAN MEET BECAUSE OF JIM CROW

By J. BLAINE POINDEXTER

Through a maze of ringing, excited voices, fiery speeches and loud, constant rappings of the gavel by the supreme chancellor in vain efforts to restore order, the 24th biennial session of the supreme lodge of the Knights of Pythias came to a dramatic close Saturday after an all-day contest over the election of officers and especially over the next place of meeting. It was one of the hottest contests ever waged in the history of the organization, with Indianapolis, Ind., and Dallas, Texas, in a close race as the most logical places for the next biennial session of the supreme lodge in 1929. But Indianapolis won by a vote of 60 to 40. 8-27-27

After listening to the eloquent appeal of Grand Chancellor W. S. Willis of Texas, the whole delegation of the supreme lodge appeared to be unanimously in favor of going to Dallas in 1929. There were cries of "Texas, Texas?" accompanied with much applause after Grand Chancellor Willis read very cordial and encouraging letters welcoming the supreme lodge to Dallas, written by the city's mayor, the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad company, the Dallas Clearing House association and the Dallas chamber of commerce.

Speech Turns Tide

The tide was turned, however, in favor of Indianapolis following the effective speech of Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green of New Orleans. He was re-elected by acclamation to succeed himself as supreme chancellor of the Knights of Pythias. He has held this office as head of the order for 20 years.

All the supreme lodge officers were re-elected Saturday with one exception. Dr. C. M. Wade of Hot Springs, Ark., member of the Pythian temple and sanitarium commission, lost that post in favor of R. A. Blunt of Birmingham, Ala. Mr. Blunt is also grand chancellor of his state. Dr. Wade is past grand chancellor of Arkansas.

The officers of the supreme lodge who will function until another election in 1929 are: S. W. Green, supreme chancellor; Ernest G. Tidrington, Evansville, Ind., supreme vice chancellor; Rev. N. C. Nix, Orangeburg, S. C., supreme prelate; T. G. Nutter, Charleston, W. Va., supreme master of exchequer; Dr. E. E. Underwood, Frankfort, Ky., supreme keeper of records and seal; George A. Watty, Baltimore, Md., supreme master-at-arms; John A. Blume, Winston-Salem, N. C., supreme inner guard; D. G. Adger, St. Augustine, Fla., supreme outer guard; Dr. U. G. Mason, Birmingham, Ala., supreme medical registrar and S. A. T. Watkins, Chicago, supreme attorney. The uniform rank officers are Robert R. Jackson, Chicago, major-general and Stewart D. Fowler, Chicago, adjutant-general.

To Give $25,000

Out of the four candidates running against Dr. Wade on the Pythian temple and sanitarium commission, Mr. Blunt's election was assured when he announced that his jurisdiction was going to give $25,000 or more to purchase bonds on the new national temple being erected here. The other three candidates were J. R. Jefferson, West Virginia; E. B. Barco, Massachusetts and A. F. Garvin, Kentucky.

Following the election of officers, Dr. W. H. Armistead, Indianapolis, Ind., nominated his city as the next meeting place of the supreme lodge. His nomination was seconded by seven speakers. The same number of speakers seconded the nomination of Dallas, Texas by Grand Chancellor Willis. Jefferson

Armed with letters of invitation from the mayor of Dallas, railroad officials, chamber of commerce and the Dallas Clearing House association, Mr. Willis made his plea to the supreme lodge to hold its next session in Dallas. 8-27-27

Lodge Strong in Texas

He declared that he had been misrepresenter by rumors that he intended to make the race for supreme chancellor in 1929 with the strength of the great Texas body backing him. The bulk of the order in membership and finances is in the South, principally in Texas, it is said.

In his letter of invitation to the supreme lodge, Mayor R. E. Burt of Dallas wrote: "It will be a distinct disappointment not only to all your members in this city and entire section, but to all the citizenship of Dallas as well if you do not vote to come and visit us."

Supreme Chancellor Green, in his speech favoring Indianapolis, maintained that the South was not prepared for a meeting of the supreme lodge which carries with it its famous uniform rank. To go to Dallas in the face of Texas Jim Crowism, segregation and discrimination, would be nothing less than an indorsement of those obnoxious conditions now existing there. It would indicate to the white people of Dallas that the Knights of Pythias do not object to such discrimination. It would not be fair to our women to take them where very likely they would be insulted by white hoodlums, Chancellor Green said.

"The population of greater Dallas is around 280,000, with a large proportion of our citizenship belonging to your Race," the president of the Dallas chamber of commerce wrote. "Race relations," he added, "in Dallas have always been good and we feel that the coming to Dallas of such a vast number of the higher class representatives of your Race would make such relations even better here and over this territory."

Aroused Over Letter

Stirred by the glowing statements made in this and the other letters from the Dallas officials, John D. Brown of Louisiana shouted his opposition to going to the Texas city. His views were similar to those expressed by Chancellor Green.

"The white man in the South stops at nothing to carry his point," Mr. Brown pointed out. "Those Dallas officials may be sincere, but they do not represent Texas as it affects us," he added. "We must not, we shall not go to Dallas to make her white citizens feel that we are satisfied with their Jim Crow laws, their segregation and discrimination practices," Mr. Brown declared.

Speaking for Dallas, A. R. Richardson of Chattanooga, Tenn., told the lodge that "the best way to control the white man is by showing him your conduct and standing up as men and women. You can't be a Pythian in every sense of the word if you cast reflections on sections of the country where the order is strongest both financially and numerically."

Dr. N. O. Taylor of Boston, Mass., speaking for Indianapolis, said: "Our women must be thought of and we've got to think what would happen if one should accidentally step on a white hoodlum's toes in Dallas."

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The International Negro Conventions

TWO meetings simultaneously in session in this city direct attention to the progress of the negro race.

One is the twenty-eighth annual grand lodge convention of negro Elks, representing 120,000 members in the United States Canada, Latin America and Liberia. The other is the fourth Pan-African Congress which brings together spokesmen for approximately 120,000,000 colored people throughout the world.

Both are meeting in New York for the first time. They will see here a large negro community which has established itself in the trades, professions and commerce and won a creditable measure of welfare and respect.

Differences in race and color have always brought perplexing problems, but it is fair to say that these are as little vexing

in New York today as in any cosmopolitan community in the world.
The spirit of willingness to let individual merit have a free chance has reached here perhaps as high a level as is to be expected from human nature in our day.

$1,000,000 TEMPLE

PYTHIANS DEDICATE

(By the ANP)

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Headed by Major General Robert R. Jackson, the cavalcade moved from 47th street to the Public stadium where drill contests before thousands of interested spectators took place. Seven divisions of uniform rank, one of Illinois lodges and two divisions of automobiles, bearing Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green and his executive staff and the Grand Lodge officials of different states were in line.

The convention sessions were marked by intensive application to the business at hand with very little evidence of acrimony such as might have characterized the assembly of so large an organization. The actual business was in the hands of 13 officers and 104 voting members of the supreme body. They represented 2,670 lodges with 197,000 members; and 3604 Courts, having a membership of 68,000 women. The organization has $2.297.121 of assets with a surplus of $1.564,742, indicating an excellent financial condition, according to figures from the books of C. E. Mitchell, the Charleston, W. Va.. Banker, who is chairman of the finance committee and verified by Auditor McDonald, of New Orleans, a certified public accountant.

40,000 Visitors at the Stadium

Perhaps the high spot of the convention was the annual address of the Supreme Chancellor, in which a policy was laid down for the completion of the national building at 37th and State street, Chicago. Already more than a million dollars has been expended upon this beautiful structure which was dedicated on Monday afternoon with impressive ceremony. Dr. Wallace Taylor, supreme representative from Massachusetts, headed an impressive list of speakers for the occasion.

The executive sessions of the order were held in Forum Hall, and the D. O. K. A., an appendant order similar to the Shriners, met in Fort Dearborn Elks' Hall. The women's branch held its sessions at Community Church on South Parkway boulevard.

The uniform rank, 6,000 strong was encamped for the week on a South State street grounds, where military discipline prevailed. Roscoe Conkling Simmons was the outstanding speaker at the big public meeting. The big reception was held at the Coliseum, where ten thousand people could dance at one time. On Saturday, a special Rodeo performance was staged at the Stadium for those of the 40,000 visitors who cared for exciting entertainment.

Many Notables Attend

Among the prominent visitors attendant upon the sessions were Grand Chancellor W. D. Willis, of Dallas, Texas, who headed a big delegation from that State, bent upon securing the 1928 session.

The following officers were present: Lee Crawford, Grand Chancellor of New York; John W. Harris, Grand Chancellor, Mississippi; T. G. Nutter, Grand Chancellor, West Virginia; J. W. Cooper, Grand Chancelor, Michigan; J. A. Blume, Supreme Inner Guard; J. H. Lott, Grand Chancellor, Iowa; W. W. Andrews, Grand Chancellor, Florida; Dr. J. H. P. Westbrooks, Grand Chancellor, Colorado; D. G. Adger, Supreme Outer Guard; W. S. Willis, Grand Chancellor, Texas; S. C. Moreland, G. C. Connecticut; J. W. Jones, G. C., W. B. F. Crowell, G. C., Dr. C. B. Wickham, G. C Oklahoma R R. Jackson, Major General Uniform Rank; Dr. U. G. Mason, Supreme Medical Registrar; N. N. Revnolds. G. C., Tenn.; Dr. A. A. Wesley, Ill., Dr. E. E. Underwood. Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal; S W. Green, Supreme Chancellor, S. C. Paskins, Delaware. R. B. Barcus, Ohio; G. A. Watty, Maryland; R. G. Collier, Penn.. Sir C. W. Saffell, Ky., Dr. E. A. Williams, past supreme chancellor: Dr. C. H. Thompson, Kans.; Dr. W. C. Ade. E. B. Marco, Mass.; S. A. T. Watkins, Supreme Attorney; Rev. N. C. Nix, Supreme Prelate; Henry Avant, Ark.; E. G. Tidrington, Indiana; R. A. Blount, Alabama W. T. Reid, Grand Chancellor. Ga All of these distinguished leaders report to press that their various jurisdictions are one hundred per cent par. Alabama, represented by Dr. U. G. Mason, R. A. Blount, and others, report progress.

The following is a list of the headquarters officers.

Major General R. R. Jackson Brigadier G. D. Wilkes, chief of staff. Brigadier General S. D. Fowler, Gen. R. R. Johnson inspector general: Gen. A. J. Lewis, chief mustering officer; W. D. Jennifer, commissary general; Gen. W. J. Thompson, surgeon-general; Rev. J. A. Cox, chaplain-in-chief.

PARADE IS WITNESSED BY 100,000

Companies Drill Before A Crowd Of 20,000 People At Soldier Field

The Knights of Pythias broke camp here early Saturday morning at Camp General Nevels after one of the most successful encampments and conventions in the history of the order. Information coming from headquarters of the lodge was to the effect that Indianapolis will be the next meeting place despite the strong bid made by the powerful Texas division. And as to the election Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green of New Orleans and the Supreme Vice Chancellor Mr. Tidrington were re-elected to their respective offices Thus Mr. Green will begin his eleventh year as head of the lodge.

Monster Parade.

The public session of this organization ended with the parade Friday afternoon and prize drill contests at Soldiers' Field.

Assembling as per schedule along Prairie avenue between 41st and 46th streets, ten divisions in command of Major General Robert R. Jackson marched west on 39th, north on State to 29th street, east on that street, north on South Parkway to the east gate of the stadium in what is termed by old Chicagoans the premier and most colorful parades seen here in years.

Rounds and rounds were given as platoon after platoon passed in almost perfect order. Bands, well placed so as not to interfere with the cadence of the march burst forth with tunes military which from all appearances caused those in the military ranks to forget the great distance.

The Ohio "Gang"

Conspicuous among those who helped make the entire week a success was the famous Second Regiment Band of Columbus, Ohio, headed by Captain Pete France and it "Singing Drum Major," Lieut. W Cassell T. Ayres, World W a veteran.

This aggregation presented one o the most original oncerts along th line of march. They sang, playe while their drum major pranced an would walk to the curb at an angle baton in one hand, megaphone in th other, chanting "I Wonder."

20,000 In Stadium.

Fully twenty of the hundred thousand persons who witnessed the parade, hurried by auto to the Soldiers Field before the first in line entered the gate.

There along with the Indians and cowboys, participants in the Rodeo, they agreed that the manner in which every phase of the program was carried out cannot be surpassed.

In the line were:

Platoon of Police
Chief Marshal
Major General and Staff
Palestine Co. B, Ohio, Escort
Flag Company
First Regiment Band, Illinois

FIRST DIVISION

General H. H. Briggs, Commanding
Illinois, West Virginia, and Michigan
Guests of Honor—Arabic Temple
Patrol

SECOND DIVISION

General W. H. uBtler, Commanding
Regiment. Band, Missouri—Missouri

THIRD DIVISION

General W. H. Woods, Commanding
Second Regiemnt aBnd, Ohio—Ohio

FOURTH DIVISION

General W. W. Wilson, Commanding
First Regiment Band, Kentucky
Kentucky, Tennessee and New York

FIFTH DIVISION

General W. J. I. Reed, Commanding
Regimental Band
Indiana, Texas, Alabama and Maryland

SIXTH DIVISION

General Henry Wynn, Commanding
Regimental Band
Georgia, Pennsylvania, Mississippi
Minnesota, District of Columbia and Cadets
Medical and Hospital Corps and Ambulance

SEVENTH DIVISION

Colonel W. H. Curd, Commanding
Sir Geo. M. Crisup, Sir Wm. B. Molson, Aides-de-Camp
Imperial Potentate D. O. K. O.
Subordinate Lodges of Chicago and State of Illinois

EIGHTH DIVISION

General A. J. Lewis, Commandi
Colonel J. Howard Cook, Colone
Pages, Aides-de-Camp, Supr e m
Chancellor, Supreme Lodge Officers
Supreme Representatives, Suprem
Chancellor's Family, Major Gener
al's Family and the Supreme Court
Automobiles followed in the orde
named.

NINTH DIVISION

General Gco. H. Carter, Command
Colonel Perry and Colonel Dickson
Aides-de-Camp, Grand Lodge of Illinois, Grand Representatives, Grand
Court of Calanthe, Members of Subordinate Lodges and Subordinate
Courts. Autos followed in the orde
named.

TENTH DIVISION

Colonel R. C. Keeble, Commanding.
Colonel Robert Elliott, Aide-de-Camp
Floats, Automobiles, Talyhos and Citizens in Carriages

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40,0(! NEGRO PYTHIANS ATTEND GRAND BALI

The Negrc organization of th Knights of Pythias held a bal at the Coliseum last night, whici was one of the largest colored socia events in years. More than fort; thousand visitors from all parts o the United States and a few foreigi countries are here for the annua convention of the order which i meeting in Forum hall on East 43d street.

Six thousand uniformed members of the order are encamped at Lilydale, a colored suburb south of Chicago. The order claims a membership of 197,000 and reports assets of $2,297,121 and a surplus of more than $1,564,000. according to F. W. Green of New Orleans, who is supreme chancellor. There are 2,670 lodges Woman Pythians are organized in 3,604 courts with a membership of 68,000.

Mr. Green and his fellow officers have no opposition for re-election. Dallas and Indianapolis are contending for the next convention of th order. The Pythians are building a $1,500,000 temple at 37th and State streets and have temples in several other cities

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Knights of Pythias.

Dallas Loses Hectic Battle For K. P. Lodge

Indianapolis, Indiana, Trotted Out At Last Minute At Instigation of Supreme Chancellor Green, Captured 1929 Supreme Lodge—Result of Vote Was 47 For Dallas and 55 For Hoosier State City—Texas, and Southern Whites and Blacks Villified By Green, Himself a Southern Negro and Resident of New Orleans, La.—Green's Wife Insulted Texas Women—Willis' Strength Feared—Texans Made Fine Showing.

Special to The Informer.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 23, 1927.—Showing the fighting spirit so characteristic of Texans of both races, the Pythian delegation from the Lone Star State waged a hectic battle here last Saturday to capture the 1929 biennial supreme lodge of Colored Knights of Pythias of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia. When the balloting ceased, it was disclosed that Dallas, Texas, had received 47 votes as the next convention city and Indianapolis, Indiana, trotted out at the last moment at the behest and importunity of Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green of New Orleans, La., who took the floor and waged a most bitter fight and conducted the most demagogic tirade against Texas and the South ever heard in any colored gathering in the history of the race in the United States of America—came out as leader with 55 votes.

Delegates from Northern and Southern states, even some on the winning side, asserted that it was an empty victory for the Green faction, and that the injection of sectionalism into the supreme lodge will wreak havoc with that body sooner or later.

In presenting the invitation from the Pythian grand lodge of Texas, the Lone Star State and city of Dallas, Grand Chancellor W. S. Willis, of Dallas, demonstrated the fact that he was on the job, while Dr. A. S. Jackson of Waco, commissioner of education of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and member of the Pythian board in Texas, literally took the hide off Green in his answer to the New Orleanean's tirade and invective against the best white and colored citizens of the South.

Green took the position that he was unalterably opposed to the Supreme Pythian lodge meeting in the South as long as **segregation, jim-crowism, discrimination** and **disfranchisement** obtain in that section of the commonwealth; and, as head of the order, he had the delegates and members of his cabinet understand that the next biennial meeting should not be held at Dallas in 1929.

After his attack on the South and his ultimatum to the supreme officers and delegates, the result of the contest for convention city was a foregone conclusion, and, the fact that the Hoosier State metropolis-capital only received about 8 more votes than Dallas shows that some supreme officers and several supreme representatives exercised their right of liberty and suffrage as free men and not as bondsmen, slaves and knaves.

Green Fears Willis, Rumor

The report is current in this city that Green opposed holding the 1929 supreme lodge in Dallas, Texas, because he feared that Willis would be a candidate against him; and, that with the wonderful showing which the Lone Star State jurisdiction would make at such convention, Willis' stock (in event the masterly Texan were a candidate for supreme chancellor against Green) would be boosted considerably. The knowing ones here declare that the wonderful progress made by the Pythians of Texas under Willis' able leadership has made both the supreme chancellor and some of the other grand chancellors envious, jealous and suspicious of the redoubtable Texan; and that Green and his henchmen trembled in their boots when it appeared that Dallas, Texas, had the next supreme lodge literally "sewed up."

Green's Wife Insults Texans

Prior to the election and Green's vehement denunciation of Texas and the South, more than 76 votes had been assured the Texas delegation, but when Green made his speech and then forced the supreme officers and representatives to a viva voce vote, the weakkneed "brave boys" took "cold feet" and jumped into the Green-Tidrington band wagon.

Even the wife of the supreme chancellor, who resides in New Orleans, La., and lives off the sweat and toil of Negroes of Louisiana and the South, excoriated and lambasted Texas in her talk before the supreme Court of Calanthe; charging that if the uniform rank of the order went to Texas, everything they had would be stolen; that she had been in Texas several times and had never seen a decent home nor a fit place where she could find a palatable meal; that colored Texans were ignorant and that the white Texans were savages and Huns, or words to that effect.

Texan Answers Mrs. Green

Mrs. F. K. McPherson of Gainesville, Texas, grand worthy counselor of the Court of Calanthe of the Lone Star State jurisdiction, replied to this unwarranted and scurrilous attack upon colored and white Texans by the supreme chancellor's spouse, and labelled all such poppycock and propaganda as a base and malicious fabrication and prevarication. Women from other Dixie states took exception to this "roasting" of the South by the supreme chancellor's wife and the argument precipitated such a scene that the New Orleans, La., woman was forced to offer excuses, apologies and explanations. In her opening remarks Mrs. Green was quoted as saying, "Any person who fights my man (talking about her husband, S. W. Green of the "far South," New Orleans, La.) will die'."

The nomination of Dallas, Texas, as 1929 convention city was seconded by delegates from Ohio, Kentucky, Georgia, Arkansas, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Florida, Missouri, and Tennessee, while Louisiana, Oklahoma and Mississippi joined the anti-South faction; their delegates saying some things about the South, which if repeated in their Southern home towns, would make them persona non grata among both colored and white citizens of their respective communities and states.

The publicity and propaganda work of the invitation-headquarters committee from Texas—composed of Dr. R. T. Hamilton, one of the leading physicians of his state and grand medical registrar of the Pythian order in Texas; John W. Rice, editor of the Dallas Express and English teacher in the Booker T. Washington High School of that city, and C. F. Richardson, editor of The Houston Informer and president of the Real Building and Loan Association of Houston—came in for much commendation and praise from supreme officers and representatives from all sections of the country. If Dallas and Texas were not placed on the map in Chicago last week, it certainly was no fault of this committee of Texans, who showed both the Windy City and the supreme lodge how to give publicity to a cause and convert opponents into proponents, as was done in the case of making and changing sentiment, some real hostile, towards Dallas and Texas.

The entire Texas delegation, numbering over thirty, occupied several suites of rooms at the Trenier Hotel Oakwood and South Parkway (Grand Boulevard), with a large streamer hanging from the boulevard proclaiming to the world that Texas was here and intended to make a real fight for the 1929 supreme Pythian lodge.

K. OF P. E. W. H. IN 20TH

3-DAY SESSIONS OF SUPREME LODGE AND SUPREME COURT AT SUPREME HEADQUARTERS —OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

The Twentieth Biennial Session of the Supreme Lodge and Supreme Court Knights of Pythias of the Eastern and Western Hemispheres, was held in Supreme Headquarters Building from Sunday till Wednesday night, and was a success.

On Sunday, August 27, 7.30 P. M. was the Biennial Sermon at Pythian Temples—Memorial Service. On Monday at 9 A. M., Opening Sessions Supreme Lodge and Supreme Court; at 11 A. M., Welcome Address, Hon. Malcolm E. Nichols, Mayor; at 8 P. M. to 2 P. M., Reception to Supreme Lodge and Supreme Court, Ruggles Hall, Pythian Building. Music by Tynes' Orchestra. On Tuesday, at 9 A. M., Opening Sessions Supreme Lodge and Supreme Court; at 5 P. M., Military Encampment; at 8 P. M. to 2 A. M., Military Reception. Prize Drill. Awarding Prizes to Winners of Membership Drive, Ruggles Hall. Music by K. P., E. and W. H. Orchestra, T. L. Bailey, Leader. On Wednesday, at 9 A M., Opening Session Supreme Lodge and Supreme Court; at 8 P. M., Addresses by Sir W. Ashbie Hawkins, sup. Chan.; Dr. Alice W. McKane, S.W.C.. Sir P. F. Marshall, Maj. Gen.; Sis. Louisa B. Andersan, S.W.A.C., Juv. Dir.; Sir Blaine Chester, S.I.G., New Orleans, La.; Sir J. H. Weeden, S.O.G., Kansas City, Kas.; Edgar P. Benjamin, Esq., and others. Awarding of prizes to Juvenile Councils; Musical and Literary Program.

Calanthe

The Twentieth Biennial Session of the Supreme Lodge and Supreme Court of Calanthe began Sunday evening. Program: The Master of Ceremonies was Major General P. F. Marshall of Boston. Pythian Ode,—"God Bless our Knights," Band, Order and Assembly; Invocation; Scripture Reading by Rev. Frederick Hines; Hymn—"How Firm a Foundation," Order and Assembly; Remarks by Sir W. Ashbie Hawkins, S.C.; Remarks by Dr. Alice W. McKane, S.W.C.; Sermon by Rev. E. E. Thompson, Pastor of Massachusetts Ave. Baptist Church, Cambridge, Mass.; Memorial Services conducted by Sir Elmer Puello, P.G.C. of N.E.; Silent Prayer for Departed Members; Solo—"The Vacant Chair" Pianist was Miss Jennie Watson of N.E.; Doxology and Benediction. The Pianist was Miss ennie Watson of Boston.

On Wednesday, August 31, 8 p. m., 1927, Fraternal Night. The Master of Ceremonies was Sir W. H. Willis, S.V.C., New York City. Music—Negro National Anthem, Order and Assembly; Invocation; Address by Sir W. Ashbie Hawkins, S.C., of Baltimore; Address by Dr. Alice W. McKane, R.W.C., of Boston; Violin Solo by Mr. Geo. W. Cooper, of Boston; Address, Attorney Edgar P. Benjamin, Pres., o. End Co-Op. Bank; Music—"Battle Hymn of The Republic"; Presentation of Prizes to Juveniles and Assembly; Reading—"The S.W.A.C., & S.J.D. Crewe, Va.; Music—"America The Beautiful" by Juveniles and Assebly; Reading—"The Negro," Ella Wheeler Wilcox, by Miss Gertrude McBrown, Boston. Solo—"Negro Spirituals," by Mr. Ernest G. O'Banyoun, Cambridge. The Pianist was Miss Jennie Watson of Boston; Mrs. Sadie Barnett, Juvenile Directress; Eliza J. Cummings, Juvenile Council of Boston.

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THE COLORED KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

To the Editor The Birmingham News:

I am interested in The Birmingham News, and consider it one of the greatest institutions in the entire country as a molder of sentiment with strong opinions on institutions, men and things. The News is in a class almost by itself. I am a constant reader of it, and have been for more than 20 years.

I noticed several days ago articles on the Colored Knights of Pythias of Alabama, and its troubles aired on your editorial page. The first article by Rev. J. B. Carter, another by E. D. Brown, in the Title Guarantee Building, and The News' editorial opinion of Sunday, July 31.

I am sure The News, Mr. Brown and Rev. Carter are writing without the facts, and in answer to the accusation that the men behind the Pythian investigation are disgruntled and office-seekers is not according to the records, and does not comport with the actual existing facts. The writer has been a member of the Colored Knights of Pythias of Alabama for nearly 30 years, a member of the official family for about 15 years, and for many years a member of the supreme lodge representing Alabama there as one of its delegates. I was supposed to have been on the inside, but at last when I awoke I found that there was an inner-circle that the writer himself could not enter.

I believe that the editor of The Birmingham News meant well when he corrected the statement appearing in The News' columns in headlines: "Bankrupt Proceedings of Negro Knights of Pythias," and I am very glad t hat you did for the welfare of the order. But, right here let me say, if the reckless expenditure of the order's money is not stopped as shown by certified accountants' reports I can see nothing but bankruptcy for the institution, and this will come from the actions of the very men that you spoke so well of. They are in full charge of the funds of this Order, and they know they are charged by the insurance commissioner of the state of Alabama as violating the insurance low in the extravagant use of the funds, and demands are made upon them by that department to replace these funds.

I do not think it fair to the attorney general, or to any one who seeks to correct these errors by lawful procedure to be called malecontents, office-seekers, and a handful of soreheads as published in your paper a few weeks ago by U. G. Mason, one of the men who is charged in the indictment for the missue of these funds. These officers are high-salaried men. These funds come from a very poor and humble class of people who need the protection of your great newspaper, and such other agencies as your publication is likely to influence. I happen to know some of the men who are interested in this investigation, and I know that when you charge them with being defeated for office, or seeking office, why this investigation, that you do them an injustice. I know there is a tendency on the part of officers to impress the public that the records of the officers are clear and above suspicion, except as brought on by certain persons who have been defeated for office, or desire to oust present officers for ulterior motive. As a matter of fact none of this is true, and does not involve the slightest of the contentions. Of course, I can see without the facts before The Birmingham News, and with the story presented them by officers under indictment and investigation The News would innocently make the statement in the sixth paragraph of its editorial opinion of Sunday's issue. I do not think t hat the attorney general could be regarded as self-seeking, neither could they who represent him be regarded as such.

Birmingham, Aug. 6. A. G. BENNING.

W. A. HAWKINS HEADS EASTERN PYTHIANS

Boston, Mass., Sept. 15.—(AN P).—The four-day session of the twentieth biennial convention Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias and Supreme Court of Calanthe Eastern and Western Hemispheres concluded Wednesday evening with a fraternal night of speech making, music, uniform rank drills, and the presentation of prizes to children in the juvenile department for meritorious acts in connection with the order.

Previously during the day, the election of officers resulted as follows: Supreme Chancellor, W. Ashbie Hawkins, Baltimore; Past Supreme Chancellor, Solomon Tripp, Baltimore; Supreme Vice Chancellor, Benjamin F. Creasey, Providence, R. I.; Supreme Prelate, William Granderson, Cambridge; Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, George E. Gordon, Boston; Supreme Master of Exchequer, C. C. Lareave, Crewe, Va.; Supreme Master at Arms, J. B. Oliver, Crewe, Va.; Supreme Inner Guard, Blaine Chester, New Orleans, La.; Supreme Outer Guard, J. H. Weeden, Kansas City Knasas; Major General, Uniform Rank, P. F. Marshall, Roxbury; Supreme Trustees, Thomas G. Schuyler, Boston, chairman; J. H. Walden, Roxbury; J. R. Farar, Bridgeport, Conn.; Joseph H. Somers, Chelsea, and Augustus Fields, Baltimore.

Secretary, Beneficiary Department, George E. Gordon, Treasurer, William A. Herthman, Providence, R. I., S. K. R. S. (Emeritus); William Granderson.

Officers of the Supreme Court elected are: Supreme Worthy Counsellor, Mrs. Florence K. Owens, Baltimore; Past Supreme Worthy Counsellor, Dr. Alice W. McKane, Boston; Supreme Worthy Associate Counsellor, and Juvenile Directress, Mrs. Bessie R. Simmons, Boston; Supreme Worthy Register of Deeds, Mrs. Roberta K. Skinner, Cambridge; Supreme Worthy Receiver of Deposits, Mrs. Lillian Jacklin, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Sup. Worthy Orator, Mrs. Lottie I. Williams, Philadelphia, Pa.; Sup. Wor. Herald, Mrs. Eva Hall, New York City; Sup. Worthy Escort, Mrs. Bessie Lynch, Crewe, Va., Sup. Wor. Protector, Mrs. Carrie Rayfield, Philadelphia; Representatives on Beneficiary Board, Mrs. Florence K. Owens, Mrs. Roberta K. Skinner, and Dr. Alice W. McKane.

Dr. Alice W. McKane was presented with an utility case filled with bills of money in recognition of her service to the court as Worthy Counsellor for the past six years.

Upwards of six hundred delegates and visitors attended the sessions. The Supreme Court created a scholarship fund in the Oklahoma, Mississippi School of Nursing. Reports showed that $68,000 on the principal of the Headquarters building where all the sessions were held, had been paid during the year. The building was purchased June 1, 1921. Members of the order brought up one-half $22,500 of the second mortgage, paying six per cent. There were 187 death claims paid, amounting to $20,000. All claims paid in full. Total assets of the beneficiary department amount to $50,000. There are 39 lodges and 27 courts newly organized with a membership of 30,000.

City Treasurer Frank Brier welcomed the delegates. Elmer J. Puello of Cambridge responded in the opening meeting. Richmond Va., will be the next meeting place.

COLUMBIA, S. C., [illegible]

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MILLER ADDRESSES NEGRO PYTHIANS

Sole Surviving Negro Legislator in South Carolina Speaks at Charleston.

Written for The State.

Charleston, July 29.—Thomas E. Miller, former president of the State A. & M. college at Orangeburg and the only Negro in South Carolina now living who served in the state legislature and the United States congress, was one of the special speakers at the annual convention of the Negro grand lodge, Knights of Pythias, in session here Tuesday.

Miller spoke briefly of his career in politics, education and welfare work among his people and of his proposed plans to raise funds to have erected a monument to the memory of Robert Smalis, deceased, who with Miller served in the last constitutional convention of the state.

Both Miller and Smalls were born in Beaufort county and held many positions of trust during the days of Republican rule in South Carolina.

The Negro grand lodge was in session here two days and at intervals listened to addresses from several noted race men. Among them were D H. Sims of Allen university, R. S McKinnon, president of State college North Carolina; Nix and H. B Thomas of Orangeburg, H. H. Butler of Hartsville and R. Weston Mance of Columbia.

The convention passed resolutions indorsing Dr. R. W. Mance for the office of bishop in the A. M. E. church

Attorney N. J. Frederick of Columbia and Julius A. Brown of Charleston were elected supreme representatives to the supreme session in Chicago August 14. Dr. R. S. Wilkinson of Orangeburg and L. A. Hawkins of Columbia were elected alternate delegates.

The grand lodge, while in session here, voted $200 to Fairwold school for delinquent Negro girls in Columbia and made many other donations for charitable purposes. The annual sesion next summer will be held in Florence.

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DELEGATES ACCORDED WELCOME

Business Sessions Featured By Harmony—Social Activities Elaborate

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 18.—Featuring some of the best and most constructive business sessions ever held in the history of the order, the united lodges of the Knights of Pythias of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia are holding their 24th Biennial Session of the Supreme Lodge here this week.

The Order, which now boasts of almost 400,000 members, and resources valued at nearly $10,000,000, and which is now building the new million dollar National Pythian Temple, is now entertaining more than 75,000 members.

The business sessions which are being held at the Metropolitan Center have been featured by harmony and co-operative work and the program of entertainment has been replete with many unusual features.

On Tuesday evening a grand Mardi Gras parade and ball was staged at the 8th Regiment Armory. Thousands attended and the affair was a big success.

What is said to be the greatest ball ever given in Chicago took place Thursday night at the beautiful Coliseum. Two orchestras with 100 pieces furnished the music.

The grand competitive drills on Friday promise to be one of the greatest events of the week. With $10,000 in cash prizes as the awards, a special incentive was offered to the various lodges to do their very best in their exhibitions. The drill will be staged at the great stadium, the scene of the Army-Navy game.

Delightful band concerts and drills are being staged daily at the camp grounds on 95th and State streets, where 10,000 men are encamped.

Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green and Grand Chancellor Allen A. Wesley are pleased with the hospitality Chicago people are according their guests.

There is little talk about the election.

PYTHIANS ENCAMP IN CHICAGO, ILL

Delegates From All Parts of World In Chicago For Twenty-Fourth Biennial Session

CHICAGO, Aug 17. —The twenty-fourth biennial session of the Knights of Pythias of North America, South America, Europe, Asia Africa and Australia, began in Chicago at 7 a. m. Sunday with the firing of the cannon salute at Camp G. A. Nevels at 95th and State Streets. Thousands of delegates were present from every section of the United States and many foreign countries.

Has Many Features

Features of the session are the daily dress parades at the camp; the grand parade thru the principle streets of Chicago, Friday; the prize drill, class "A", at Soldier Field Stadium, Friday; the military ball and reception at the Coliseum Thursday night; the welcome reception at Metropolitan Community Center, Monday; MadiGras-Japanese lantern parade followed by dance at the Eighth Regiment Armory; Sermon to the order by the Rev. J. M Mundy, of Kentucky at the Metropolitan Community Center, Sunday; ceremonies at the Pythians' new $1,000,000 temple.

Session Held

Sessions of the Supreme Lodge are being held at Forum Hall, and of the Supreme Court and Imperial Communication, Dramatic Order Knights of Omar, at Metropolitan Community Center.

Has Military Aspects

R. R. Jackson, councilman from the Third Ward, Sunday took command of the first 15,000 members of the uniformed ranks of Knights of Pythias.

Fifteen bands accompanied delegations. The bands and uniformed Pythians were slated to hold an exhibition drill Friday afternoon at Soldier field for $25,000 in prize money. The encampment is slated to break at 6 a. m. Saturday morning.

Officers Lead

Officers heading the session are S. W. Green Supreme Grand Chancellor; J. L. V. Washington, Imperial Potentate; Dr. A. A. Wesley Grand Chancellor; Rose E. Hoard, Grand Worthy Counselor; R. R. Jackson, Major General U. R. K. P.; General H. H. Biggs, Brigadier General.

Knights of Pythias.

3700 KNIGHTS AND DAUGH. IN PARADE

Thousands Line Streets Of Toledo To Witness Mardi Gras Celebration

COLUMBUS PICKED FOR THE 1928 SESSION

1200 Knights From Eight States In Military Encampment

TOLEDO, O.—With 1200 uniformed knights in line followed by 2500 delegates in automobiles, the Knights and Daughters of Africa closed its five-day session here with a monster and colorful parade through the principle streets of the city and the annual election of officers Friday.

The sessions of the order began Monday at the Third Baptist church with 2000 representatives present and 1000 members of military rank encamped under command of Major General John A. Shackelford.

The Hon. Fred J. Mery, Mayor of Toledo, delivered the welcome address and was responded to by the Rev. S. D. Davis of St. Louis, the Secretary-Treasurer of the organization. Talks were also given at this session by the Rev. B. F. McWilliams, pastor Third Baptist church; Mrs. Canie Stewart, St. Paul, Minn.; and Mrs. Ada Goins, State Grand Queen of Indiana.

Mardi Gras Celebration

One of the features of the session was the Mardi Gras celebration held Tuesday night. Discarding their uniforms for the more picturesque costumes of Sheiks, Geisha girls Carmens and imps and accompanied by six bands blaring out jazz music the occasion developed into a colorful and unique entertainment. Thousands of people lined the streets as the procession passed.

At the Wednesday session gold medals were given Mrs. Cora Williams, Mrs. Eliza Jackson, Miss Hazel Cooper, Mrs. Nettie Matthews Mrs. Gustee Bell and Mrs. Lillian Green. The George M. Cathrell medal was given to Mrs. Christine Moore.

Officers elected at the Friday session were William H. Fields, Grand Master; Miss Ernest Patillo, Deputy Grand Master; Miss Samuel Davis Grand Secretary-Treasurer; Miss Lillian Smith, Grand Accountant; Miss Lillie Richardson, Grand Princess; the Rev. T. L. Scott, Grand Chaplain; Mrs. Lucille Wooley, Deputy Grand Chaplain; Louise Hayden White, Grand Secretary-Treasurer of the Juvenile department. State Grand Queens elected were: Eliza Jackson, Illinois; Marjory Holy, Mississippi; Ada Goins, Indiana; Cora Williams, Ohio; Josephine Brown, Michigan; Nettie Matthews, New York; Hattie Baldwin, California; Luella Briggs, Massachusetts and Hazel E. Cooper, Rhode Island.

The 1928 convention will be held in Columbus, O.

Knights Dedicate Their Million Dollar Temple During Supreme Lodge

Sessions of Supreme Lodges Are Marked by Amount of Constructive Work Done—Five Thousand in Mammoth Parade.

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Among the prominent visitors attendant upon the sessions were Grand Chancellor W. D. Willis of Dallas, Tex., who headed a big delegation from that State, bent upon securing the 1929 convention.

The following officers were present: Lee Crawford, Grand Chancellor, New York; John W. Harris Grand Chancellor, Mississippi; T. G Nutter, Grand Chancellor, West Virginia; J. W. Cooper, Grand Chancellor, Michigan; J. A. Blume Supreme Inner Guard; J. H. Jett, Grand Chancellor, Iowa; W. W. Andrews, Grand Chancellor, Florida; Dr. J. H. P. Westbrooks, Grand Chancellor, Colorado; D. G. Adger, Supreme Outer Guard; W. S. Willis, Grand Chancellor, Texas; S. C. Morehead, Grand Chancellor, Connecticut; J. W. Jones, Grand Chancellor; W. B. F. Crowell, Grand Chancellor; Dr. C. B. Wickham, Grand Chancellor, Oklahoma; R. R. Jackson, Major General Uniform Rank; Dr. U. G. Mason, Supreme Medical Registrar; N. N. Reynolds, Grand Chancellor, Tennessee; Dr. A. A. Wesley, Ill., Dr. E. E. Underwood, Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal; S. W. Green, Supreme Chancellor, S. C. Paskins, Delaware R. B. Barnes, Ohio, G. A. Watty, Maryland, B. G. Collier, Penn., Sir C. W. Saffell, Ky., Dr. E. A. Williams, Past Supreme Chancellor, Dr. T. H. Thompson, Kans., Dr. W. C. Ado, E. B. Marco, Mass., S. A. T. Watkins, Supreme Attorney, Rev. N. C. Nix, Supreme Prelate, Henry Avant, Ark., E. G. Tidrington, Indiana, R. A. Blount, Alabama, W. T. Reid, Grand Chancellor, Georgia. All of those distinguished leaders report to press that their various jurisdictions are one hundred per cent par. Alabama, represented by Dr. U. G. Mason, R. A. Blount and others, report progress.

The following is a list of the headquarter officers:

Major General R. R. Jackson Brigadier General G. D. Wilkes chief of staff; Brigadier General S D. Fowler, General R. R. Johnson inspector general; General A. J Lewis, chief mustering officer, Brigadier General Charles Reid, quarter master general; General W. D Denifier, commissary general; General W. J. Thompson, surgeon general; Col. Rev. J. A. Cox, chaplain in-chief.

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Knights of Toussaint

Urges That L'Ouverture's Death Be Observed

JACKSONVILLE. March 28.—An article was given to the press today from the national office of the Knights of Toussaint, 418 Davis Street, in which Supreme Ruler A. Fitzholan Wallace calls on Negro schools, colleges, universities, churches and newspapers to join the Knights of Toussaint in commemorating the hundred and twenty-fourth anniversary of the death of Toussaint L'Ouverture, during the week of April 24.

Knights of Toussaint To Hold Annual Council and Give Five Scholarships

Jacksonville, Fla.—It was announced at the National office of the Knights of Toussaint that the Order will award five scholarships, beginning next year, to Negro young men and women in the study of Negro history.

A. Fitzholan Wallace is founder and grand supreme ruler of the Order.

The national council of the order will be held in Jacksonville February 21-22, at the Knights of Toussaint Castle. Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, president of Bethune-Cookman College at Daytona Beach, Fla., and national president of the Federation of Colored Women's clubs will be the speaker.

Toussaints Hold Excellent Meeting

Charleston, S, C., Selected For Next September Gathering

Jacksonville, Fla., Mar. 7—The National Council of the Knights of Toussaint of the World ended its meeting here last Wednesday with a banquet, at which time a number of prominent business men and educators of the nation spoke. The banquet was held at the Knights of Toussaint Castle, 418 Davis street, and the principal address was delivered by Dr. Benj. F. Hubert, of Savannah, Georgia, president of Georgia State Industrial College.

A. Fitzholan Wallace, founder and grand supreme ruler of the order, presided at the sessions of the council. In his annual report at the opening session on Monday morning he reviewed the work of the organization during the sixteen years of its operation. He told of its growth and development and reviewed the progress made in the sixteen states in which the organization has done work during its history, and at the close of his address appointed several committees. Among the outstanding committees were those on inter-racial relationships, disasters and relief, orphanages and hospitals, and a Knights of Toussaint home for the aged. A commission on education bearing on Knights of Toussaint scholarships to be awarded to Negro boys and girls in the study of Negro history, was also appointed. Members of the commission are President J. R. E. Lee, of Florida A. and M. College, Tallahassee; Bishop John Hurst; President Benj F. Hubert of Georgia State Industrial College; Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Bethune-Cookman College; and others.

In her address on Monday night at Ebenezer M. E. Church, Mrs. Bethune made a strong appeal to the members of the Knights of Toussaint to believe in the program of the organization and the leadership of Mr. Wallace to the end that the order may be the one big Negro brotherhood not only in America, but in the world that will bring to Negroes a new ideal with the spirit of Toussaint L'Overture as its background.

Dr. Matilda A. Evans, well known woman physician and club woman of Columbia, S. C., made a strong appeal to the women of the order of Susanne, the auxiliary of the Knights of Toussaint, to catch the spirit of Susanne, and stand behind the men of the order as Susanne stood behind Toussaint.

Sir Crockett, of Atlanta, Georgia, head of the military unit of the order, made an appeal for the younger men of the organization to join the uniform rank of this Knights of Toussaint and catch the spirit of Toussaint the indomitable soldier, statesman, and martyr on whose life and work the organization is established. The convention of the supreme lodge will be held in Charleston, S. C., in September. The meeting was replete with interest from the time the gavel sounded on Monday morning until adjourning on Wednesday night.

COMMEMORATE DEATH OF HAITIAN PATRIOT

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Speaking to a representative of The Chicago Defender, Mr. Wallace said: "The Knights of Toussaint have made it an annual practice to commemorate the death of Toussaint L'Ouverture, but this year marks the beginning of an annual national memorial in which all are invited to take part."

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Mosaic Templars.

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MOSAIC ORDER BUYS SHEPHERDSVILLE; WILL BUILD NEGRO CITY; PLAN SCHOOL AND GIRLS' HOME

Alabamas Negro Lodge Buys Out Whole Town

A Selma Special to the Birmingham Daily Post says that the entire town of Shepherdsville has been purchased by the Alabama Grand Lodge of Mosaic Templars, a negro organization. The deal involves the purchase of 3100 acres of land which includes the town. Extensive development of the property is planned.

Among the special features of this adventure into land holding by negro societies will be a home for old folks and orphan children which will be located on the tract and there will be beautiful parks for recreation and highways. Cattle raising and truck gardening will be engaged in and pecan and fruit orchards will be set out. The name of the place hereafter will be known as Mosaic City.

The Courier would suggest to the progressive members of Mosaic City that a golden opportunity is presented to them to adopt the Fairhope land leasing plan. Naturally in this new city, with its fine humane spirit for ain the foundation, there is bound to arise, as the result good roads, parks, schools, homes and other factors that will make it a better place in which to live—there is bound to arise the phenomena of land values and the better place Mosaic City is made the higher will become the land value? Now by the City taking over all this unearned and value and devoting the same to the benefit of all the people of Mosaic City, they will make there city a beacon light for the race.

We take it that this Mosaic City is named in honor of the great law giver Moses, whose land laws made his people the most prosperous of all the ancient time and which became the light of a civilization that still lights the world. No race is more devoted to the ideals of the Mosaic—Christ religion than the negro. And in building this Mosaic City upon the principles of Moses that will go far toward solving the land question, the tax question, and above all the race question, for with land justly treated all other false distinctions and issues naturally disappear.

Special to The Birmingham Reporter

SELMA, Ala., March 5.—Shepherdsville, Ala., formerly owned by the Good Shepherds of this state, with headquarters in the city of Birmingham, is now the property of the Alabama Grand Lodge of the Mosaic Templars of America. This purchase and transfer was made early last Wednesday, March 2. Grand Master L. L. Powell, National Auditor J. H. McConico, Assistant Endowment Secretary R. L. Reynolds, C. W. Lee and Rev. J. W. Goodgame were in Selma Wednesday and closed the deal.

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This business transaction on the part of Negro fraternal order leaders will go down in history as one of the most gigantic and far-visioned business propositions ever accomplished in the history of the race in the Southern section of the country.

Sheherdville has been under the control of Supreme Master G. W. Chandler and the Good Shepherds organization for nearly twenty years. Large improvements have been made during this period, and a plantation of unusual size is maintained.

Shepherdville is located in Dallas County, a few miles south of Selma, and according to Grand Master Powell of the Mosaic Templars, the site will be known in the future as "Mosaic City." This purchase takes in 3,100 acres of land, covered with much fine timber, and much of this acreage is now under cultivation, with some 75 or 100 families on the grounds. The purchase price is variously stated at from thirty to thirty-five thousand dollars, and the Mosaic Order paid cash for the property.

Will Start Improvements

The new owners have already outlined an extensive development program. The site will be cleared and beautified, along the highway by a system of parks, and it is believed that the proposed old folks and orphans home that was planned by the Mosaic Templars for Birmingham will now be transferred to Mosaic City.

Much of the acreage will be planted in fruit and pecan trees, poultry, cattle raising and truck gardening will be emphasized, while a part will be set aside, according to Grand Master Powell as a game preserve. The farming interests which have been so well handled under the direction of the Good Shepherds, will be continued. An effort has already been started to erect here a County Training School or a County High School and a site in the center of the plant will be given the state for this purpose, if it is desired.

Girls' Rescue Home

Following the order of the State Legislature to build a home for delinquent Negro girls, it is among the plans of the Mosaic fraternity to offer a suitable site to the State of Alabama for this purpose, and it is also stated by officers that the Order would encourage this move, not only by donating land, but giving it financial support and direction.

Grand Master Powell is interested in the development of more efficient mechanics in the Negro race and in the establishment of the proposed new school, he pointed out many industries to be taught and among the principal ones are saw-milling, blacksmithing, dairying truck farming, and brick-making.

Negroes Happy

The Negro population of Alabama is expressing great pleasure over this purchase and transfer by the Mosaic Templars and Good Shepherds of this State, and their rejoicing comes as much over the fact that the deal is clear of scandal and schemes and was fostered in the interest of the members of the race and there is yet to be found any traces of graft or suspicious conduct on the part of those in charge or directing the purchase, and the contract price made by the head of the Order of Good Shepherds is the price paid by the Mosaics and there is no sliding in of some middle man, making the cost from ten to fifteen thousand dollars more than the actual value of the property.

It looks as if the whole proposition will meet the approval of members of both orders and it is looked upon as the finest effort on the part of Negroes in financing a big program.

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SHRINES END SESSIONS IN NEWARK, N. J.

Chester Blake Again Named Potentate

By R. C. FISHER

Newark, N. J., Sept. 2.—Hundreds of delegates and visitors were in the city for the 28th annual convention of the Ancient Egyptian Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and the 17th annual session of the grand court, Daughters of Isis, an auxiliary organization. The Shriners were the guests of Golconda Temple No. 24 and Ambis Court No. 16. Joint memorial services, held Sunday at the Bethany Baptist church with Rev. L. C. Hurdle officiating, marked the opening of the convention.

Col. Thomas R. Lang, inspector general of the New Jersey National Guard, representing Governor Moore, made the address of welcome. He was impressive in declaring that the Race was no longer a dependent people and that their salvation was in the hands of their women, who were molders of character. Dr. W. H. Brazier, New Orleans, imperial high priest and prophet of the shrine, responded with instructive and brilliant ideas.

High Potentate Talks

P. H. W. Ross, representing Mayor Raymond, welcomed the visitors to the city and was answered by A. A. Schomburgh, illustrious commander-in-chief, King David consistory of Scottish Rite Masons, New York City. He declared that through education the salvation of the Race would be worked out.

The high spot of Monday afternoon's session was the annual address of the imperial potentate, Caesar R. Blake, Jr., in which he made an urgent plea for racial co-operation. He explained why the state of New Jersey had more incorporated organizations than any other state in this country.

He said: "It is a state that has been reasonably fair to its Colored citizenship. It is a state where officials have exercised the right of independent thought and action, and its citizenship is imbued with the real idea of freedom. Although a small state, it receives the highest respect from the nation and great political parties battle for her suffrage. This is because of the strength and solidarity of her people and organization. This should be a lesson to us and demonstrate what Race solidarity would do for us if we would remain as a solid unit striving for the same objective."

Past potentate degrees were conferred upon Samuel J. Battle, detective sergeant, and Sydney Helm, both of Medina Temple No. 19, New York City. Battle was also appointed to the office of imperial captain to fill a vacancy made by Charles Thorpe, who recently suffered a serious automobile accident.

Substantial sums of money were donated to the National Equal Rights league and the N. A. A. C. P. by the Shriners.

Spectacular Parade

The spectacular street parade Tuesday afternoon was a beautiful array of vari-color garbed Shriners, accompanied by several hundred women of the Isis organization. The procession was reviewed by city officials and officers of the imperial council.

Competitive drilling by the several teams was held at Sussex Ave. armory, which was followed by a ball and reception in honor of the imperial council. Election of officers and a sightseeing trip, including a visit to Port Newark, to view the proposed air port site, concluded Wednesday's session.

Blake Re-Elected

At the election of officers, Ceasar R. Blake, Jr., who lives at Charlotte, N. C., was re-elected imperial potentate, and other officers elected to guide the destinies of shrinedom were Harry Knight, deputy imperial potentate, New York; Clarence W. Baxter, chief raban, Indianapolis; Bradbury, assistant raban, St. Louis; A. W. Brazier, high priest and prophet, New Orleans; S. S. Richardson, oriental guide, Daytona, Fla.; Charles D. Freeman, treasurer, Washington, D. C.; Levi Williams, recorder, Jersey City, N. J.; James R. Williams, first ceremonial master, Pittsburgh; Joseph C. Jefferson, Chicago, second ceremonial master, who succeeds Joseph Williams, Kansas City. The other two changes in the former imperial cabinet came with the election of Isaac M. Carper, Charleston, W. Va., captain of the guard, and Edward S. Townsend, Cincinnati, outer guard.

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REPLY TO INJUNCTION

White Shriners Fight Efforts Of Negroes To Use Same Names

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—(AP)—White Shriners filed in the Supreme Court Wednesday their reply to the appeal of the negro Shriners who are seeking to set aside an injunction granted by Texas courts restraining them from using the names, emblems and insignia of the white organization.

Declaring the question to be determined is whether they lost their rights by delay in asking an injunction, the white Shriners explained that the suit was instituted by the Arabia Temple at Houston to restrain the Doric Temple of the negro Shriners in that city as soon as the existence of the latter was known and within a year and a half after its organization.

The national organization of white Shriners, which has intervened in the case, has held that local white Shriners had the right, when acting promptly to enjoin negroes in the same communities from using the names, emblems and insignia of the white Shriners without regard to dates of the organization of the national bodies.

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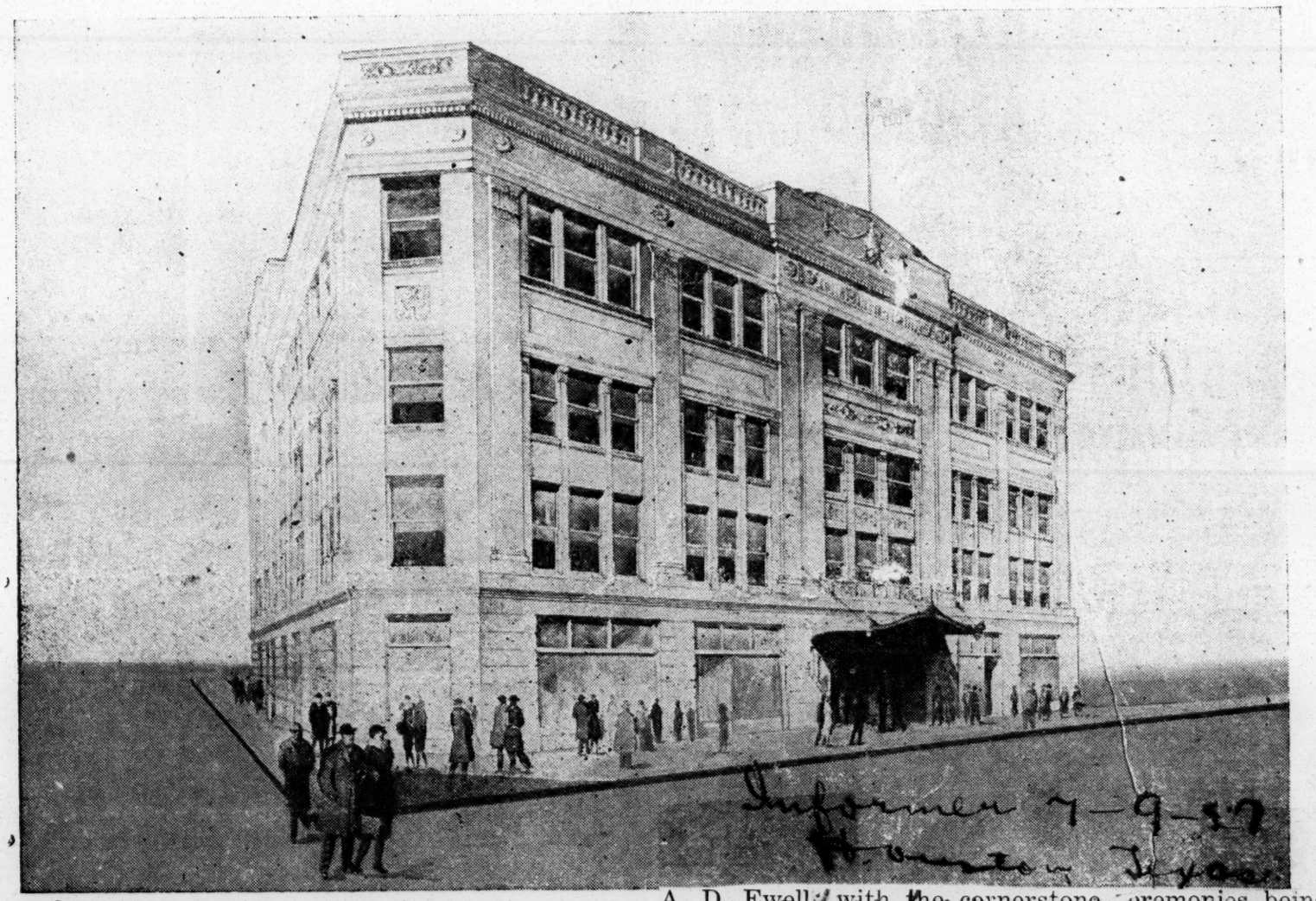

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With strains of sweet harmony pealing forth from the instruments of the local Pilgrim band, led and directed by Prof. A. D. Ewell, with the cornerstone ceremonies being conducted by Magnolia Lodge No. 3, Free and Accepted Masons, Frank Starks, worshipful master; with representatives, delegates and visitors present from the jurisdictions of both Lone Star and Sooner states, all anxious to behold with their own eyes the wonders, beauty, symmetry and splendor of their new building recently completed at West Dallas and Bagby streets, the Ancient Order of Pilgrims formally dedicated their $262,000 edifice here Monday afternoon.

It was a singular coincidence that the day—Fourth of July—which means so much to America, her history, traditions, ideals and institutions, was selected by the heads of this colored order on which to throw open and dedicate their building, which represents the last word in architecture, beauty, design, arrangement and general appointment. While other buildings owned and operated by Negro fraternal organizations have cost more than the Pilgrim building, there is not a similar structure in the South or America, that even begins to approach this new home-office building of this race order, which was launched in Houston during 1882 by the late Henry Cohen Hardy, veteran educator, and his associates. Space was given on the dedicatory program to some of the original members to indulge in reminiscences; to tell how far the order has come during these 45 years, and to rejoice that they had lived to see for the day for which they had prayed, labored and hoped. Among the veteran members to appear on program were Mrs. Patience Gilmore, Mrs. Evie Fisher and E. L. Williams, known in Pilgrim ranks as "Mark Hanna."

Truly it was a "red letter" day not only in the history of the Pilgrim fraternity, but of the Negro race; for no member of the black race can behold this massive structure of steel, stone, brick and mortar and not feel proud that he or she is identified with a race which has made such wonderful strides during less than half of a century.

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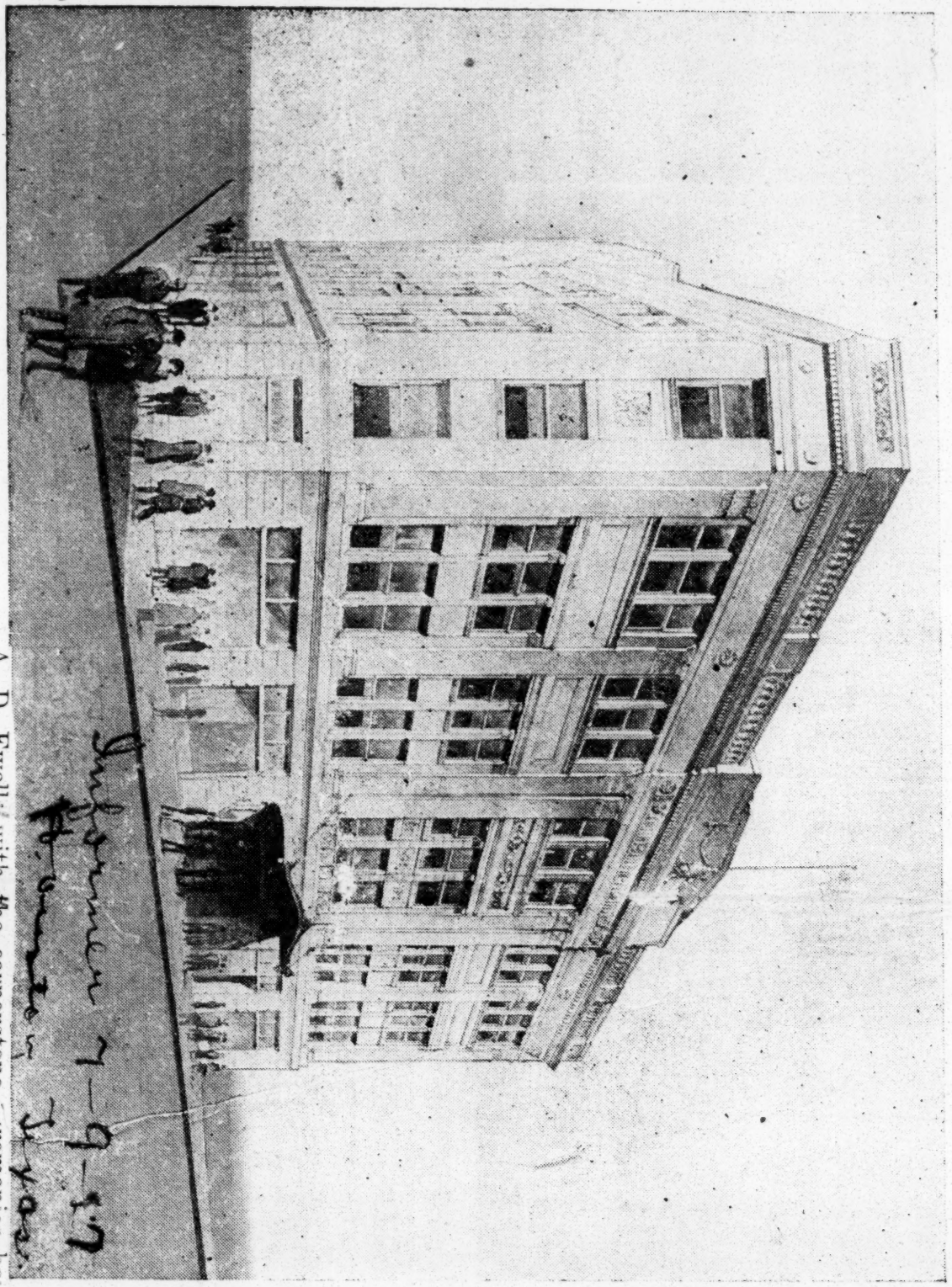

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during the intervening years; the race coming over to American shores as slaves and chattels, having no rights that other races had to respect, and being forced to submit to a most brutal and demoralizing species of human bondage for more than 250 years. However, today the race is free, "serving God under its ows vine and fig tree."

In perhaps the most masterly, logical and eloquent speec of his career, the Dallas educator-editor held his auditors spellbound as he related and narrated what the Pilgrim building means to the Negro race and social order.

Building Formally Presented

E. P. Harrison, Sr., member supreme council of the order and former supreme worthy shepherd, formally presented the building to the order. The total investment in this structure represents more than $300,000, viz: $262,000 contract price of building, $20,000 for equipment and furnishings and $30,000 for the land. The latest type of cooling system has been installed, as well as the last word in lighting arrangement, and there is no wasted space in the entire buildig. The auditorium is located on the upper floors, an "is a thing of beauty and joy forever." Two fast passenger elevators transport the passengers to the various floors of the building, and the marbled entrance on West Dallas gives the building the appearance of some ancient and historic palace. In short, the building is complete in every detail and modern and thorough in every respect.

Dedicatory Sermon Preached

The dedicatory sermon was delivered by Rev. J. S. Scott, superintendent of the Houston district of the Methodist Episcopal Church, whose discourse was filled with wise and timely advice, and who urged the members of the order to dwell together in unity and oneness of purpose. He expressed the hope that nothing would be permitted in the new building which would reflect discredit and bring disgrace upon the fraternity, race and society.

Music for the dedicatory exercises was furnished by the celebrated choir of Bethel Baptist Church, with Mrs. Laura Allen-Green, directress and pianist. The singing of this choir was unusually fine Monday afternoon, the singers, apparently, having imbibed the spirit of the occasion.

Formal Opening Tuesday Night

An audience far surpassing and outnumbering the one which was present at the cornerstone laying and dedicatory program on Monday, packed and jammed its way into the auditorium of the building Tuesday night to witness the public welcoming program. The official welcome of the city was conveyed by H. A. Halverton, city commissioner and mayor pro-tem, who has been serving in this capacity before colored gatherings for the last three years; but his address of Tuesday night was, by far, the best speech which the city commissioner has ever delivered to any body assembled in "Heavenly Houston," and his remarks were repeatedly punctuated with deafening applause.

In its own inimitable manner, Prof. A. W. Jackson, principal Rosenberg Negro High School, responded to the official welcome and kept the audience in uproarious laughter throughout his address.

Editor C. F. Richardson of The Houston Informer, speaking for the economic or business interest of the city, extended welcome to the visitors and recited some of the advantages afforded the black man in the fastest growing city in the entire Southwest; citing that the black man can work out his own economic salvation in "Heavenly Houston" without fear or trembling. Prof. J. J. Burnett, principal Cleburne Negro High School, in a scholarly effort, responded to this address.

Music for the program was rendered by the South's premier musical organization, the Coleridge-Taylor Choral Club, with solos by Mrs. Lewis, one of the leading singers of Oklahoma, and Mrs. H. M. Middleton, prima donna of the local musical organization. As usual, these local singers literally "brought down the house," being compelled to respond to encores. The Houston booster song, composed and led by Dr. C. B. Johnson, local dentist, was one of the hits of the evening.

Prof. R. G. Lockett, teacher at Booker T. Washington High School of Houston, filled the role of master of ceremonies very ably.

Arthur Jackson Makes Speech

The principal address of Wednesday morning was delivered by Dr. A. S. Jackson of Waco, commissioner of education of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and one of the foremost platform orators and publicists in America. For profound logic, deep thought and the scholarly manner in which he delivers his messages, Dr. Jackson is peerless and matchless.

Officers Submit Reports

The report of Prof. James D. Ryan, supreme worthy recorder of the order, showed that the Pilgrims have a solvency of 102.58%; that the bid of W. P. Terrell, colored contractor and builder, was almost accepted for the erection of the new building here; that the order borrowed $110,000, at interest of 7% per annum, for the completion of the building, the building tax having made possible the balance for the contract price of the structure.

His report further showed that the income from mortuary premiums during the past fiscal year was $89,025.03; home office building fund, $138,598.50; total, $257,867.55; total incomes and balances, $521,122.41; death claims and other operating expenses, $167,376.47; net assets, $353,845.94.

There were 206 deaths during the past year and, according to the average life expectancy, Prof. Ryan contended that Pilgrims are dying at too rapid a rate.

Grimes Makes Recommendations

Among the recommendations made by B. H. Grimes, supreme worthy shepherd of the fraternity, was one to only allow Pilgrims, who attain a certain advanced age, a flat policy endowment; the titular head of the order maintaining that this is the only solution to save the order from financial difficulties "down the road," when these aged risks begin to die and drain the mortuary fund of the order.

Street Parade Held Thursday

The annual parade and pageant was staged through the principal streets of Houston, Thursday afternoon, with the Pilgrims' brass band, whose wonderful music has been one of the bright lights of the conclave, leading the marchers and decorated automobiles.

The lodge of sorrow was conducted Wednesday night, when the deceased members were honored and eulogized.

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ST. LOUIS, MO.

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SUES FOR INJUNCTION AGAINST NEGRO LODGES

Misrepresentation of Name "Mason" Alleged to Conferring Degrees on Members.

A row between the Negro Masonic Grand Lodge of Missouri and two alleged "wildcat" organizations which the lodge contends are misrepresenting themselves as true offshoots of Masonry, yesterday came into Circuit Court with the filing of an injunction suit by the state body.

It is directed against the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted York Masons of Missouri and the Most Worshipful Tyree Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and their respective grand masters, Arthur J. Smith and W. W. Williams.

Homer G. Phillips, Negro lawyer who filed the suit, declared yesterday that neither of the grand masters had been located for service and charged that, having no fixed headquarters, they "carry their offices in their hats."

"The Grand Lodge of Missouri is recognized as a legitimate Masonic body," he said, "and can trace its history back for 250 years. We will show when our suit is brought to trial that neither of the bodies we have sued has true Masonic authority.

"Both Smith and Williams have been telling prospects that they have dispensations which allow them to give Masonic degrees and they are getting $10 or $15 from each supposed Mason. We decided to file suit after a death claim of a member of one of the organizations was presented to our organization, apparently under the misapprehension that the grand lodge had something to do with the two "wildcat" organizations.

LOUISVILLE, KY.
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O'NEAL WELCOMES NEGRO MASONS

Mayor Joseph T. O'Neal welcomed delegates to the Negro Masonic Grand Lodge of Kentucky convention, which convened here Tuesday, at Quinn Chapel after the convention had been called to order and reports heard at a meeting at Pythian Temple. The grand master, Dr. T. T. Wendell, Negro, Lexington, delivered his annual address.

The Cecilia Dunlop Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, also met at Quinn Chapel, with Fannie Thompson, Negro of Paris, Ky., presiding. The two orders will unite Thursday in a parade to the Kentucky State Fairgrounds for an all-day celebration there.

St. Josephs Meet Here Next Week

Supreme Lodge Will Bring Hundreds Delegates Here--Supreme Chief Walker To Preside Over Sessions

The Supreme Lodge of the St. Joseph Aid Society will convene at McKelvey Auditorium Monday morning at 12 noon. The program of welcome addresses will be held at St. Philips A. M. E. Church at [illegible] Monday night, July 25th. The public of Savannah is invited to attend this opening session.

Delegates will be in attendance from all parts of the United States, with hundreds coming from Florida and points in Georgia which is the great strong hold of the organization.

Dr. Thomas H. B. Walker of Jacksonville, is supreme chief of the order and is one of the most forceful characters in the south, besides being one of the most fluent orators on the platform today.

Dr. B. S. Hannah of Macon, Ga., is grand chief of the Georgia grand lodge which is the host of the supreme lodge Rev. Wm. Lockwood is vice chief. E. W. Pope is grand financial secretary; Mrs. Belle Davis of Brunswick is grand recording secretary; John Byrd is grand treasurer and J. G. Lemon is grand attorney.

Headquarters for delegates will be established at the Williams Realty Company, Wage Earners Bank Building, Sunday and delegates will be given their assignments from that point. This office is just opposite the Union Station. Ample accommodations have been provided for all delegates and visitors.

Executive and ritualistic sessions of the order will be held at McKelvey Powell auditorium each morning and afternoon, when only regular delegates will be admitted. The anniversary sermon will be preached at Bryan Baptist church on Tuesday night, July 5th by Dr. C. H. Jones of Arkansas.

Many prominent visitors from the north and west will be in attendance.

A boat excursion and other amusements, including two baseball games between the S. J. A. team of Jacksonville and a strong Savannah team of all stars, at the City Stadium, are being arranged.

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YORK MASONS HOLD TRIENNIAL NATIONAL MEETING IN HOUSTON; DELEGATES MARVEL AT PROGRESS

Many notable fraternal leaders, both male and female, are here this week in attendance at the 26th triennial session of the Most Worshipful National Grand Lodge of the Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons. Prof. S. S. Simmons, Atlanta, Ga., is national grand master; R. J. Simmons, Duluth, Minn., national grand secretary; Dr. W. C. Mitchell, Bluefield, W. V., deputy grand master. Mrs. N. A. McQueen, Charleston, S. C., is national grand most ancient matron of the women's department. Hon. B. R. Adams, Jasper, is state grand master of the order in Texas, with Miles W. Jordan, Houston, grand secretary. Mrs. P. M. Jordan and Mrs. E. L. Hubbard, both local residents, are moving spirits among the Texas Court, the former being grand most ancient matron of Texas jurisdiction.

All sessions are being held at the Odd Fellows Temple, Prairie and Louisiana, where the opening public welcoming program was held Monday night, when the address of welcome was delivered by Hon. Joe Eagle, former Texas congressman. Prof. W. A. Bell of Georgia, made the response. Both speakers were in fine fettle and delivered able messages.

The national organization was called to order Tuesday at high noon by Prof. Simmons, and, after the opening ritualistic ceremonies and other perfunctory proceedings, the delegates got down to business.

Various Committees Selected

The following committees were announced: Credentials, Cato McGhee of Illinois, D. G. Valentine of Alabama, Rev. S. H. Pressley of North Carolina; returns, B. R. Adams of Texas, F. G. Gordan of Pennsylvania, Chas. Taylor of New Jersey; finance, T. H. Pinckney of South Carolina, C. O. Crear of Ohio, W. A. Bell of Georgia, F. D. Burton of Alabama; warrants, S. P. Holmes of Kentucky, T. S. Howard of California and E. D. Newsome of Pennsylvania.

Representatives from more than 37 states reported the first day, representing all sections of the country. The delegates are loud in their praise of the cordial welcome being accorded them here by Houston's entire citizenry, and Grand Master B. R. Adams, M. W. Jordan and associates are coming for their share of praise for the part they have played and are playing in the entertainment and care of the several hundred visitors.

Northern Delegates Here

One of the outstanding features of the present meeting was the triennial report of National Grand Secretary R. J. Simmons of Duluth, Minn., whose foreign correspondence contained letters from ten foreign countries and grand lodges.

Wednesday night the drama, "Are You A Mason," was staged at the Pilgrims auditorium, directed by E. O. Smith, Jr. Thursday afternoon the visitors were tendered a sightseeing trip over the city.

Though meeting in the "far South" there has been no "racial disorders," as one national fraternal leader of color would have his Northern and Eastern members believe imminent when national Negro bodies convene in cities of the "far South" and particularly Texas. The final sessions will be held today (Friday).

Texas Injunction Rallying Ground

Imperial Council Holds Annual Session at Newark, N. J.—Imperial Potentate Blake Sounds Battle-Cry—Colored Shriners Aroused To Action, As Well As Masonic Grand and Blue Lodges—Money Raised For Legal Contest—Columbus, Ohio, Secures 1928 Meeting.

Newark, N. J.—(ANP)—A bit of serious advice was injected into the twenty-eighth annual session of the Imperial Council, Ancient, Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine that held a three-day meeting here last week, when Caesar R. Blake, Jr., imperial potentate of the order, delivered his annual address.

Speaking with the burning intensity of one who is thoroughly familiar with the legal troubles brought upon the Shriners by white enemies, Blake easily aroused his audience at will as he painted a vivid picture of what the Shriners could do if they would remain a unit.

Blake informed his followers that it is the disposition of Texas white Shriners to fight his organization to the finish. He assured the nobles that the finish, however, was on their side, because they had the edge on their opponents.

Upon an appeal through attorneys representing the organization, the Supreme Court of the United States granted a writ of certiorari in the Texas decision wherein the courts of that state were asked to restrain colored Shriners from operating. The imperial potentate regards the appeal as a partial victory for the Shrine order. He explained that the appeal came after the Supreme Court of Texas has set aside until October the decision, further stating that in the meantime, the Supreme Court refused a writ of certiorari in the suit brought against them by the white Shriners of Texas.

Blake urged them to use special efforts to secure financial donations from their grand lodges, grand commanderies, consistories and grand chapters, immediately upon their return to their various homes to aid the Imperial Council of Shriners in fighting their legal battle next month.

Masonic Bodies Endangered

"I would to God", continued Blake, "that each grand master could see the danger that is lurking for Masonry in this attack which is made against our Masonic organization over the shoulder of the Shrine. In the final analysis, all of us are descendants of Ham and must stick together."

Through its most worshipful grand master, W. T. Woods, the grand lodge of Alabama, A. F. & A. M., a check for $200 was given to the defense fund of the Imperial Council to assist the Shriners in their struggles. Blake said that at the recent sessions of the Masonic grand lodge of Alabama, a resolution was adopted stating that body would donate $200 a year to the Shrine defense fund as long as their were litigations against them.

Past potentate degrees were conferred upon Samuel J. Battle, detective sergeant, and Sydney Helm, both of Medina Temple No. 19, New York City. Battle was also appointed to the office of imperial captain to fill a vacancy made by Charles Thorpe, who recently suffered a serious automobile accident.

Substantial sums of money were donated to the National Equal Rights League and the N. A. A. C. P. by the Shriners.

Picturesque Parade Held

Arab and Egyptian patrols and marching clubs, with their musical organizations, presented a picturesque parade Tuesday.

Competitive drilling by the several patrols was a feature at Sussex Avenue Armory after the parade. The patrol of Medina Temple, New York City, was awarded the first prize. The second was given to the drill team of Mecca Temple of Washington, D. C., and the third to the patrol from Atlantic City, N. J. The drill contest was followed by a fashionable ball in honor of the Imperial Council.

Blake Re-elected Potentate

Election of officers and a sightseeing trip, including a visit to Port Newark to view the proposed air port site, concluded Wednesday's session.

At the election of officers, Caesar R. Blake, Jr., who lives at Charlotte, N. C., was re-elected imperial potentate, and other officers elected to guide the destinies of Shrinedom were: Harry Knight, deputy imperial potentate, New York; Clarence W. Baxter, chief raban, Indianapolis, Ind.; Bradbury, assistant raban, St. Louis; A. W. Brazier, high priest and prophet, New Orleans; S. S. Richardson, oriental guide, Daytona, Fla.; Charles D. Freeman, treasurer, Washington, D. C.; Levi Williams, recorder, Jersey City, N. J.; James R. Williams, first ceremonial master, Pittsburgh; Joseph C. Jefferson, second ceremonial master, Chicago, succeeding Joseph Williams, Kansas City. The other two changes in the former imperial cabinet came with the election of Isaac M. Carper, Charleston, W. Va., captain of the guard, and Edward S. Townsend, Cincinnati, outer guard. R. C. Fisher, St. Louis, of the executive staff of the Associated Negro Press was made imperial publicist.

The Shriners were guest of Golconda Temple No. 24 of Newark. The sessions were held at Bethany Baptist Church, Rev. L. C. Hurdle, pastor.

The 1928 sessions of the Imperial Council of Shriners will be held in Columbus, Ohio.

SHRINERS RAISE DEFENSE FUND

Blake Re-elected: 1928 Session In Columbus

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TOPASSON SHRINERS CASE

Right Of Racial Order To Use Name And Emblem Involved

SENT UP FROM TEXAS

Special to Journal and Guide

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The Supreme Court began its fall term last Monday.

REPLY TO NEGRO SHRINERS

Whites Give High Court Reasons for Enjoining Texas Body.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (AP).—White Shriners filed in the Supreme Court today their reply to the appeal of the negro Shriners who are seeking to sett aside an injunction granted by Texas courts restraining them from using the names, emblems and insignia of the white organization.

Declaring that the question to be determined was whether they lost their rights by delay in asking an injunction, the white Shriners explained that the suit was instituted by the Arabia Temple at Houston to restrain the Doric Temple of the negro Shriners in that city as soon as the existence of the latter was known and within a year and a half after its organization.

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SHRINERS PUSH BATTLE BEFORE SUPREME COURT

Washington, D. C.—(A N P)—A new step was taken in the fight being waged by the Shriners to prevent Texas courts from enjoining them from using the name, insignia, and emblem of the order, Wednesday, when a supplementary brief was filed in the Supreme Court. This brief pointed out that for 25 years the white Shriners had acquiesced to the use of the name, et cetera, on the part of the Negro order, and, that it was a settled rule of the law that long delay and acquiescense established rights which courts would protect.

The brief further set forth that the Supreme Court had decreed that Negro Knights of Pythias could not be enjoined when it was pointed out that the colored order had been permitted to carry on its program for a number of years without objection on the part of the whites, and the Shriners insisted that the same rule would apply to their case.

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VIRGINIA

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GRAND LODGE NEGRO MASONS MEETING HERE

Delegates Will Be Welcomed to City at Public Session in Baptist Church Tomorrow Night by Mayor T. B. Jones.

Delegates to the Grand Lodge of Virginia Masons, colored, now holding its fifty-second annual communication here, will be welcomed to the city at 8 o'clock tomorrow night by Mayor T. B. Jones. Public exercises will be held in the First Bapttist church, colored.

The Masons met here this morning, the day being given over to business. The program for the public exercises tomorrow night follows:

Opening Selection .....
..... First Baptist Church Choi
Incocation .... Rev. J. Metz Rollins
Selection .....
..... First Baptist Church Choi
Introduction of Master of Ceremonies ..... J. H. Taliaferro
Master of Ceremonies ..... J. S. Le
Welcome Address on Behalf of the City ..... T. B. Jones
Mayor of Newport News
Welcome Address on Behalf of the Churches of the City .....
..... Rev. A. A. Galvin, D. D
Pastor First Baptist Church
Welcome Address on Behalf of the Business and Professional men ..
..... W. R. Walke
Welcome Address on Behalf of Local Masons ..... R. T. Stewar
Presentation of Most Worshipfu Grand Master.
Response to Welcome Addresses ..
..... Dr. L. L. Downin
Selection .....
..... First Baptist Church Choi
Prince Hall Anniversary Oration ..
..... J. C. Carte
Past Grand Master
Tribute to Prince Hall From th Grand Chapter
Order of Easter Star .....
..... Otelia Jackso
Grand Treasurer

Anniston, Ala., Star

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COLORED MASONS RETURN TO HOMES AFTER MEETING

Delegates to the annual session of the colored Masons of Alabama, which was held here Tuesday and Wednesday, began returning to their homes after a barbecue on the grounds of the Seventeenth street Baptist church Wednesday evening which marked the close of the meeting.

More than 1,700 people were present for the Masonic meeting which was the fiftieth annual gathering of the body, and the annual session of the Alabama colored Eastern Star. The Masons re-elected Walter Thoma Wsoods of Birmingham, grand master.

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PRINCE HALL FOLLOWERS GIVEN 30 DAYS TO MEET OBLIGATION

Otherwise Half Million Dollar Structure, in Course of Erection, Will Be Lost to Them—Grounds Also May Be Lost

Unless there is a substantial sum of money paid on the Masonic Temple, now in course of construction on West 144th street, by March 17, the building, and even the grounds, will be lost to the craft. The ultimatum, delivered by the builders of the temple, Bernard Knapp & Co., of East Forty-ninth street, was told to a gathering of 155 prominent members of the craft by Mr. Knapp personally at a meeting held in the Prince Hall Temple, 155th street and Eighth avenue, last Tuesday night.

The temple, which was to have been built on West 144th street at a cost of nearly $500,000, was a child of the present grand master's brain and was started about one year ago. The lot upon which the skeleton of the building now stands are owned free and clear by the craft and represent a pretty sum.

To date there has been paid to the contractors $80,000 in money obtained from the sale of mortgage bonds to members. Thus a financial loss to the Prince Hall Masons in this state of more than $100,000 is imminent unless they can raise some money in the brief space of thirty days from the date of the meeting that the ultimatum was issued, Feb. 15.

$1 A WEEK PLAN.

At the meeting, which was called by Grand Master Joseph Sullivan of Troy, N. Y., there were present every master of the local lodges together with the past masters, wardens, secretaries and the board of directors of the Prince Hall Temple and home association, together with the other grand lodge officers, with Sullivan presiding.

Business was quickly gone into and the flat failure of the craft to meet their obligations to the builders was at once taken up. Then it was decided that each member of the F. and A. M. fraternity in New York State would be asked to contribute $1 per week upon a $100 6 per cent interest participating mortgage bond on the building.

There are between 4,000 and 5,000 Masons in the state, and if a substantial number of the craft respond to this plan it is believed that the project will be saved for the race. Considerable enthusiasm was shown over the $1 a week plan and the only objection raised was by Cornelius Hughes, who stubbornly opposed any project having to do with the erection of the present temple as started. The Rev. Charles Martin, pastor of the Moravian Church in Harlem, was enthusiastic for the adoption of the plan and chided Hughes for his objections.

TEMPLE PLAN SOUND.

Originally, the Prince Hall Temple and home association, the board of directors of whom are Oscar R. Cassell, chairman; W. C. Carr, secretary; George W. Lockett, treasurer; Mrs. Alice Campbell and Messrs. Jerome P. Ottley, Charles Thorpe, Wade and Simmons, had planned to erect a Masonic temple at a cost of $250,000. The association, which is incorporated, had to be formed owing to the impossibility of general incorporation as Masons under the fraternal laws of New York State, which permit whites only to incorporate as such.

After the death of former Grand Master David W. Parker, the controlling influence of the association was turned over to the new grand master, Joseph Sullivan, who at once contended for a bigger and better temple, which would be something for posterity. His idea prevailed and instead of the less expensive structure the $500,000 venture was launched; and not more than $10,000 was paid in by members on the bonds.

The plan, however, was sound since the bonds, which are to be sold only to members, are guaranteed 6 per cent mortgage bonds, constituting a second mortgage on the building for $350,000. With the payment of $50,000 already, a first mortgage of only $100,000 would have to be obtained. Thus each member purchasing a bond becomes a participant in the profits of the building and it was estimated that 3,500 members would easily be secured to pay in their $100, but for some reason the members have failed signally to respond.

FAMOUS EDICT SOFTENED.

The failure of the members to respond caused the grand master to issue an edict last October in which he said that unless each member paid $100 for a bond within 90 days the member would cease to belong to the craft. Had this edict been enforced an almost total disruption of the order would have occurred in the state, so few were those who responded to it.

Hence, the grand master decided to take no cognizance of his own edict, but to put all of his energy into the new $1 a week plan, one that seems already to have taken with Prince Hall Masons, especially here in this city.

Within the next few weeks it will be known whether another colossal financial failure will be charged to the Negro race or whether they will rally and put through something that will remain forever a monument to the wisdom and far-sightedness of colored people in general and to the Masonic fraternity in New York State in particular.

SHRINERS' PLEA IS GRANTED.

Washington, March 14.—Negro Shriners Monday won in United States supreme court their plea for a review of an injunction granted by a Texas court to the white Shriners' organization restraining the colored lodge from using its Masonic name and insignia.

More than $900,000 in property owned by the colored lodge, "The Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America and its jurisdiction," would be confiscated under the injunction, the appeal argued. The suit was brought by the imperial council of "The Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America" and other officials of the white organization.

COLORED SHRINERS WIN IN HIGH COURT

Washington.—Colored Shriners Monday won in U. S. Supreme Court their plea for a review of an injunction granted by a Texas court to the white Shriner organization, restraining the colored lodge from using its Masonic name and insignia.

Over $900,000 in property of the colored lodge would be confiscated under the injunction, the appeal argued.

High Masons Meet In Supreme Council and Plan For Sanctuary

Indianapolis, Ind.—The United Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the 33rd degree of the A. A. Scottish Rite, Prince Hall affiliation, for the northern jurisdiction of the U. S. A., convened in its 46th annual session in the city of Indianapolis, Ind., on May 9, the guests of Constantine Consistory, No. 25. Dr. Surmer Alexander Furniss (33) is the grand commander, and Joseph J. Lee (33) is the secretary general.

Members of this body, representing highest masons for the northern states of the U. S. A. gathered at the memorial service at Bethel A. M. E. Church on Sunday evening, May 8, when Robert Luther Pope (32) pastor, preached.

The opening session of the Supreme Council was held Monday at the Masonic Hall. The famous Persian Temple of the Nobles of the Mystic Shriners entertained Monday evening the members at their Mosque. On Tuesday a banquet was tendered by Constantine Consistory No. 25.

The Council is working on plans for building of the Sanctuary in Philadelphia.

Shriners Contest The Texas Decision

State Forbids Negroes From Wearing Same Emblems As The Whites

Associated Negro Press

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 2—The protest against the decision of the Texas courts forbidding Negro Shriners from wearing the same emblems as whites in the State of Texas, got under way here Wednesday when Attorneys for the Negro Shriners asked the Supreme Court to set aside the injunction issued by the Texas Court.

The petition, seeking a view, was filed by the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, which claims to have been organized in the State of New York in 1872. The injunction which was made by the State Court to apply throughout the United States and enjoined Negroes from organizing additional temples or lodges where such names, emblems, and insignia were used, followed proceeding instituted by D. W. Mischeaux and a group of white men in Harris County Texas.

MASONS OPEN NEW $35,000 HOME

Los Angeles, Calif., May 16.—(Pacific Coast News Bureau)—The colored Masonic order of Los Angeles comprising five lodges with a combined membership of 1300, are now domociled in their new home, a $35,000 brick building located at 1058 E. 50th street.

Under the leadership of Rev. J. H. Wilson, Grand Master of Masons in California, the new temple is the culmination of seven years effort upon the part of the local Masons, composed of the following orders: St. John's No. 5; B. F. Talbot No. 8; Angel City No. 18; Holland No. 20 and Delta No. 21.

At the opening banquet May 6th, 1200 visitors were entertained in the new home recently purchased from the white K of P's. and which contains three large halls and a stage on the upper floor; a beautiful reception room, ladies rest room, kitchen and gymnasium on the lower floor.

Negro Shriners Fight For Their Rights

Supreme Court Being Asked To Set Aside Injunction Against Them

Washington, D. C. Feb. 4—(IPS)—Negro Shriners asked the Supreme Court on Monday to set aside an injunction issued by the Texas Courts restraining them from using the name, emblems or insignia of white Shriners.

A petition seeking a review was filed by the Ancient Egytian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, which says it was organized in New York State in 1872.

Proceedings against the Negro organization were instituted by D. W. Michaux and others in Harris County, Tex., and resulted in a permanent restraining order, which was affirmed by the State Supreme Court.

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NASHVILLE, TENN.

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NEGRO MASONS WILL BUILD $150,000 HOME

Starting on the erection of what will be one of the finest Negro lodge buildings in the South, the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, A. F. & A. M., with state headquarters in Nashville, today received a city building permit for a six-story stone, steel and concrete lodge and office building, to be located at 419 Fourth avenue, north, on the site formerly occupied by the old Derby stable next to the Bijou theater.

The work of excavating for the foundation is now in progress, and the builders plan under favorable conditions to have the building completed and ready for occupancy by the end of the year. The estimated cost of the structure will be $150,000. It will house the offices of the state lodge, and in addition will have space for a number of public offices.

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COLORED MASONS

Announce Popularity Contest to be Held Here

(Written for The Herald.)

One of the most interesting contests that has been conducted in Augusta in years is being sponsored by the colored Masons of this city. The popularity contest is being carried out under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity and the Krause Greater Amusement company, and from the inerest already created ad the enthusasm displayed, bids fair to eclipse any feature of the coming Spring Festival program given by the fraternity. A number of very desirable and worth while prizes will be awarded, and it does without saying tht quite a lively and spirited contest for these valuable prizes is assurred.

Tris contest is known as the Matrons popularity contest and the following matrons have been entered: Madam Carrie Ryans, representing the Vesta Chapter; Madam Mary Kelly, representing the Divine Chapter; and Madam Hattie Evans, representing the Golden Link Chapter, Order of Eastern Star. These matrons are the popular presiding officers in their respective chapters and each chapter is determined that the matron representing their chapter will receive the first prize.

Among the prizes that are to be awarded may be mentioned, a diamond emblem of the Eastern Star; two white gold wrist watches, a pearl necklace and other prizes that will be sure to cause those selling tckets to redouble their efforts in order to be listed among those winning these presents.

Persons desiring to sell tickets will please see Brother Julian Collins, who is in charge of the contest and get all information necessary in regards to the sme.

These prizes are now on display at the L. J. Schaul Jewelry establishment on Broad street.

SHRINERS IN COURT FIGHT OVER NAME

[INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE]

Washington, D. C., Feb. 4.—Negro Shriners asked the supreme court Wednesday to set aside an injunction issued by the Texas courts restraining them from using the name, emblems or insignia of white Shriners.

A petition seeking a review was filed by the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, which says it was organized in New York state in 1872.

Proceedings against the organization were instituted by D. W. Michaux and others in Harris county, Texas, and resulted in a permanent restraining order which was affirmed by the state supreme court.

The injunction was made by the state court to apply throughout the United States and enjoined our group from organizing "temples" or lodges where such names, emblems or insignia would be used.

LOCAL SHRINERS AT TUSKEGEE GIVE BANQUET TO MOTON

Elaborate Banquet Scene Welcomes Past Potentate Back Home

Tuskegee Institute, Ala.—Welcoming Dr. Robert R. Moton, principal of Tuskegee Institute, and past potentate, from a trip around the world, the local Shriners of Mizraim Temple gave an elaborate banquet in his honor on the evening of Friday, March 25, in the teachers' dining hall, where covers were laid for more than one hundred fifty guests.

Nobles properly attired, tables arranged so as to form camels, and the beautiful shine decorations presented an unusual and colorful scene.

At eight-thirty o'clock, illustrious Potentate, Arthur P. Mack of Mizraim Temple, who served as toastmaster, called the guests from labor to refreshments. At the conclusion of the dinner, Miss Pearl Clemons, of the Institute faculty, sang, beautifully, "O[illegible]."

Prominent local and visiting Shriners made short talks of welcome to Dr. Moton expressing appreciation of his service and gratification upon seeing him restored to health.

Visiting Shriners Home

Among those responding were Warren Logan, retired treasurer; Alvin J. Nealy, registrar; Charles H. Evans, instructor in carpentry; Eugene H. Dibble medical director, who accompanied Dr. Moton on the tour; J. O. Diffay and P. D. Davis of Birmingham, and John L. Garrett of Selma.

W. H. Carter, treasurer, read messages of regret from Grand Master W. T. Woods, S. H. Crowder and Oscar W. Adams of Birmingham, and Professor and Mrs. R. B. Hudson of Salem.

Past Potentate Moton, in expressing his appreciation of the elaborate mbanquet, referred to his trip abroad, mentioning the fact of his having passed the country where the Shrine had its origin.

The remainder of the evening was devoted entirely to music and was thoroughly enjoyed until the last strains of "Home, Sweet Home," were played.

NEGRO SHRINERS TO HAVE TEXAS COURT OPINION REVIEWED

U. S. Supreme Court Grants Petition For Reviewing Of Adverse Decisions

Washington, D. C.—For the third time within a week, the U. S. Supreme Court has handed decisions of vital importance to the American Negro. The third one was coincident with the opinion handed down in the New Orleans segregation case, and consisted of the granting of a petition for review of lower court decisions which deprived Negro Shriners of Texas from wearing the emblems and insignia of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

White Shriners in Texas had sought and been granted an injunction against the Negro Shriners aperating in that state, and it was argued in petition for the review, that such injunction practically amounted to the confiscation of more than $80,000 in property and belongings accumulated by the Negro Order. It was also set forth that the ruling of the lower court discriminated against Negroes [illegible] color, in violation of the 14th Amendment.

The case will now be reviewed by the United States Supreme Court.

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SATURDAY TRAVEL HEAVY

Negroes Use Special Train to Chattanooga Convention.

Six sleepers and a four-car special train moved out of Memphis yesterday afternoon and last night, chartered by the carriers for overflow business and special parties.

The N. C. & St. L. had the largest single movement of the week-end. Negro Masons of Memphis, delegates to the annual state conference of the A. F. & A. M., colored, opening at Chattanooga tomorrow, left at 10 o'clock last night in a special train run by the N. C. & St. L. to accommodate the party. A sleeper, two steel coaches and a baggage car made up the train. No return movement has been arranged by the negroes, who plan to remain in Chattanooga through the four days of the convention.

The extra Pullmans were added to the Southern's Memphis Special. Both handled excess business, one destined for Washington and the other for New York.

Week-end travel to Kansas City caused the Frisco to add a sleeper to the Kansas City-Florida Special. The L. & N. carried one additional Pullman to Louisville on No. 104. Two sleepers, ordered by the Illinois Central, one for Chicago on No. 4, and the other for a theatrical company en route to New Orleans on No. 1, completed the orders on the Pullman Company books yesterday.

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TEXAS NEGRO MASONS ANONUNCE PLANS FOR 12-STORY BUILDING

FORT WORTH, June 24. (AP)—A 12-story office building will be erected here by Texas negro masons, it was decided here today by the state colored masonic convention. The building will house offices of the lodge and will also be open for office rent by negroes, according to the announcement.

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COLORED MASONS PLAN STATE MEETING JULY 4

MARION, Ind., June 25.—A homecoming and barbecue will be held Monday, July 4, by the colored Masons of Indiana at the state Masonic and Eastern Star home for the aged at Weaver, seven miles southwest of Marion, which will be participated in by people from all over the state. Edgar D. Bush, former Lieutenant Governor of Indiana; Perry W. Howard of Washington, D. C.; Willard B. Gemmill of Marion, state Supreme court justice; S. A. Furniss, grand commander of Scottish Rite Masons, and E. G. Tidrington, chancellor commander of the Indiana Knights of Pythias, will give addresses.

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Anniston, Ala., Star

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NEGRO MASONS EXTEND THANK FOR MEET AID

Appreciate Help Given By Local People In Making Convention Success

In a letter to The Anniston Star, Mayor Reaves, Chief of Police Smith, business establishments of Anniston and both white and colored friends, representatives of the Anniston colored Masons expressed thanks Saturday for co-operation given in the recent state Masonic meeting held at the Seventeenth Street Baptist church here.

The letter, which was signed by P. Joseph Watkins, entertaining pastor, Will T. Jackson, entertaining master, and Palmer Pratt, chairman of entertaining committee, follows:

"Sirs: We take this method of thanking you for help making the Masonic Grand Lodge a success in every way, and the cordial welcome extended by our Hon. Mayor S. J. Reaves and the presence of Chief Smith.

"We want to especially thank The Star for the write-ups given the Grand Lodge. It was said by the leaders to have been the best publicity given the Grand Lodge since its organization.

"We want to thank the business houses and banks for the contribution given our chairman of the entertaining committee, Palmer Pratt, to help make possible the great entertainment given those present.

"We stand ready in the future to do whatever we can to make our town a model one and to help to contribute to its progress."

SHRINERS FILE SUPREME COURT BRIEF IN U. S.

Order Fights Efforts Of Texas Whites To Put Them Out Of Business

11,000 RACE SHRINERS IN U. S. AFFECTED

Shriners In Many States Have Accumulated Property Worth $900,000

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Shriners last Saturday filed in the Supreme Court of the United States a supplemental brief in support of their appeal to set aside the decision of the Texas courts enjoining them from using the name, emblems and insignia of the Order of Mystic Shrine.

In it they asserted that the white Shriners were guilty of laches. The colored Shriner organization has existed for 25 years and, it is argued, the white organization through its long delay in asserting any adverse right has lost any right it might have to object.

White Shriners have not yet filed their reply.

Statute of Limitations

The statute of limitations of Texas, which provides that every action other than for the recovery of real estate must be brought within four years, is a complete bar to the action of the white Shriners and the rights of the colored Shriners are vested and protected by the Fourteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution, it is claimed in the brief.

The argument is also made that it is a settled rule of law that long delay and acquiescence established rights which the courts would protect. In 1894, it is stated, the white Shriners received official notice of the existence and activities of the colored Shriners.

Knights Of Pythias

In the case of Creswill against the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias, it is pointed out, the Supreme Court held that the white Knights of Pythias were guilty of such long delay and acquiesence as defeated their action when it was shown that the colored order was permitted to exist for a number of years without objection on the part of the white Knights of Pythias.

It is also claimed that the decision of the Texas courts denied to colored Shriners a substantial right granted by an act of Congress of April 9, 1866, which provided that all citizens of the United States shall have the same right in every state as is enjoyed by white citizens.

The Texas decision, it is claimed, confiscated property of colored Shriners without due process of law.

Both Orders Have Same Source

Both white and colored Shriners trace their origin from the same source.

The Order of Mystic Shrine was instituted by the Mohammedan Kalif Alee, son-in-law of the Prophet Mohammed, at Mecca, Arabia, A. D. 656.

William J. Florence, who was initiated into the order in some foreign country, brought it to America. He introduced it to Dr. Walter M. Flemming, white, who, in turn, introduced it among the white Masons of this country about 1872. They formed a grand body in 1876.

Emblems

The ritual now in use is a translation from the original Arabic found preserved in the archives of the order at Aleppo, Syria. The emblems are the crescent, pyramid, sphinx head, panther-bodied female sphinx, urn, sun, moon and stars, and have been in use for centuries by the Oriental people and Egyptians. The red Turkish fez is the head covering and is worn by the Turks and many other Oriental people.

First Shrine In Chicago

Thirteen colored Masons, who were Knights Templar and thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Masons, were initiated into the Order of Mystic Shrine in Chicago, Ill., June 1, 1893, by Rofeld Pasha of Arabia, S. Hussein of Syria, Amel Kader of Palestine and A. B. Belot of the North Coast of Africa.

These men organized Palestine Temple at Chicago on June 2, 1393. Its name was later changed to Arabic Temple. On June 10, 1893, they organized a Grand Imperial Council. It was incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois on July 5, 1893, and the constitution and laws for the government of the order were entered in the Congressional Library by John G. Jones.

In 1893, temples of colored Shriners were organized in Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Louisville, Cleveland, New York City, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Alexandria and Richmond, Va., Los Angeles, and Washington, D. C. In July 1894, the Imperial Postmaster of the white Shriners reported to his organization the existence of the colored order.

Incorporated 1901

John G. Jones, the first executive head of the colored Shriners, was expelled from his Masonic order. On December 12, 1900, representatives of the different temples of the colored Shrine met in Philadelphia, reorganized the order and changed its name to Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America and its jurisdiction. The order was incorporated in the District of Columbia on November 19, 1901.

Prerequisites

The prerequisites for membership in both the white and colored Shrines are that the applicant must be a Mason and a Knight Templar or thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason. Both orders draw their membership from the respective grand lodges of Masons. There is no affiliation between the white and colored Masons, although both came from the same source.

300,000 Masons

There are more than 300,000 colored Masons in the United States and about 50,000 Knights Templar and Scottish Rite Masons. Of these there are 11,000 colored Shriners.

Both white and colored Masonic orders have charity and relief for their object, and so do both Shrine organizations. Funds are derived from initiation fees, dues and assessments.

$900,000 In Property

The colored Shriners have accumulated for their purpose over $900,000 in property. They have spent $700,000 in the operation of the order.

The colored Shine meets annually. Its conventions are welcomed by public officials. Its subordinate organizations have paraded the streets in their convention cities. Its officers have conferred with the white officers on affairs of the order.

Started Texas

The suit for an injunction was filed on December 14, 1918, by the officers of Arabia Temple, white, against the officers of Doric Temple, colored, at El Paso, Texas. Later both the colored and the white national organizations intervened.

On February 22, 1924, an injunction against the colored Shriners was granted. Its prohibition ran against all subordinate temples and the entire membership of the colorer Shrine throughout North America.

Appeal

An appeal was taken to the Court of Civil Appeals of Texas. That court affirmed the judgment and decree of the trial court. An appeal was then made to the Supreme Court of Texas. The court affirmed the decree of both the trial court and the Court of Civil Appeals. The colored Shriners then appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States for a writ of certiorari.

SHRINERS IN CONFAB OVER LEGAL FIGHTS

Donate Funds to Help in Court Battles

Newark, N. J., Sept. 9.—The selection of Columbus, Ohio, for their next meeting place was among the important features last Wednesday at the closing session of the 28th annual convention of the Imperial council, Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of Mystic Shrine, in the Bethany Baptist church.

Caesar R. Blake, [illegible] of Charlotte, N. C., who was re-elected imperial potentate of the order, during the convention, presided.

The three-days' meeting of the Shriners' were particularly interesting, due to the fact that the convention followed closely upon the heels of the granting of a writ of certiorari to the order through attorneys White, Dennison and Watkins of Chicago, by the Supreme court at Washington in connection with legal difficulties that have prevailed between the order and white Shriners of Texas and Georgia.

Alabama Order Helps

Special mention was made at one of the sessions of a donation of $200 from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama, to aid the Shriners in their litigations. The donation was made through the grandmaster of Alabama Masons, W. T. Woods and was turned over to the defense fund. The grand lodge of Alabama realizes that if the white enemies succeed in winning their fight, the final results will mean the destruction of commanderies, consistories, chapters and appendant bodies operated by our group. In a resolution approved at a recent communication of the grand lodge of Alabama, that body pledged itself to a program whereby it will donate $200 a year to the defense fund of the Imperial Council of Shriners as long as they are confronted with legal difficulties.

Duty of Each Shriner

In his annual message to the Shriners last Tuesday morning, Imperial Potentate Blake made an urgent appeal to the Nobles, stressing how important it was for each of them who had influence within his jurisdiction to use special efforts to secure a donation from his grand lodge, grand chapter, grand commandery or supreme council for the Shrine defense.

Egyptian Ex-High Priest Declares There Are No True Shriners Among Either Colored Or White Americans

Asserts As A Necessity The Oath Coming From Mecca or Aalpo, Arabia, and Adoption Of Moslemism; Swear By Beard of Prophet

"There is not a legitimate or real Noble of the Mystic Shrine, black or white, affiliated with American masonry," declared Dr. Abdull Hamid Sulyman, high priest from the City of Carton, Sudan, Egypt, and for some time past residing in New York. His present address is 2139 Seventh avenue.

this declaration, Dr. Sulyman said that the true Shriner's oath must come from Mecca or Aalpo, Arabia; that adoption of Moslemism, the Mohammedan faith, is a necessary precedent, to be followed by taking of the oath on the Koran, with a swearing by the Beard of the Prophet of the Marow of Mecca.

Another distinguishing essential is that occidental masonry only covers from the first to the thirty-third degrees, while the oriental, the only true rites, carries its disciples to the ninety-sixth degree.

Claims English Parentage.

American masonry, he said, derives its being from the English Grand Lodge, claiming that the original Prince Hall Lodge, constituted in Boston, was set up under a dispensation and charter from the English body. But the origin is in doubt, avers Dr. Sulyman, since the closest search of masonic history fails to show a record of this action. Tradition brings down a story that in Boston sometime about 1783-1890, there was set up the African Lodge, with a membership confined solely to military subjects. No civilians were admitted to membership. But later it is believed that this military organization was responsible for the creation of the masonic body now known as the Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

As evidence of his contention with regard to the status of the masons in the United States, Dr. Sulyman has a letter from the grand secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, replying to a letter of inquiry sent him by Dr. Sulyman and others interested as to the relationship existing between the colored masonic fraternity in this country and the English parent body.

England Disowns Child.

The letter, signed by G. Coliver Smith, grand secretary, reads as follows:

"United Grand Lodge of England
"Freemasons' Hall
"Gt. Queen Street, London, W. C. 2
"August 3, 1927

"Dear Sir:

"In reply to your letter of May 7th, the United Grand Lodge of England has, at no time, recognized either a Coloured Lodge or a Coloured Grand Lodge in the United States. The only American Grand Lodges and subordinate Lodges which are recognized by this Grand Lodge are the Grand Lodges of the 49 Independent Jurisdictions into which the United States is divided.

"You must have been misinformed as to the alleged Louisiana Grand Lodge because the United Grand Lodge of England has never held any Congress in Switzerland, or associated itself with any international Masonic gathering held in that country.

"This reply may be communicated to the three signatories with yourself to the letter of July 12th asking for information as to the position taken up by the United Grand Lodge of England in regard to Coloured Masonry in the United States of America.

"Yours faithfully,
(Signed) "G. COLVER SMITH,
"Grand Secretary.

"Dr. Abdul H. Suleiman
"2139 Seventh Avenue
"New York."

3 Other Grand Lodges.

Inquiry as to the meaning of the reference to "three signatories" in the grand secretary's letter brought an answer to the effect that it referred to three masonic grand lodges here, the King Solomon Grand Lodge, John H. Smith, Brooklyn, grand master; Hiram Grand Lodge, J. Bennett, Manhattan, grand master; and St. John Grand Lodge, Mr. Portree, Brooklyn, grand master.

Further information was that the Hiram Grand Lodge was set up in New York about 1910 by John G. Jones of Chicago, with Clem Smith of Buffalo as its first grand master. Grand Master Purnell came next and he was succeeeded by A. P. Thornton, who died just two or three months ago. Bennett, the present head, is a tailor on West 138th street. The annual grand lodge was held during the latter part of July. Lodge meetings are held in Crescent Hall, West 135th street.

St. John Grand Lodge, Brooklyn is a split from Hiram, and was set up about 1914. It meets in Brooklyn.

The present King Solomon Grand Lodge, said Dr. Sulyman, represents an amalgamation of the old King Solomon and the King Cyrus Grand Lodges. The latter was founded by John H. Smith of Brooklyn, and when the two bodies came together in 1920 or 1921, Smith was made grand master. This is the stronger of the three, with a temple of its own on West 131st street, Manhattan, and an extensive membership, ranking next in membership and financial strength to the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, which recently elected Daniel T. Teagle of 216 Bradhurst avenue as its grand master.

From Lodge in Egypt.

Dr. Sulyman's home lodge, he says, is in the City of Carton, Sudan, Egypt, and he claims to have worked up to the 96th degree, operative masonry, ranking as an ex-high priest. Although he has not affiliated with the American lodges, he states that he has been in touch with high officials of the Prince Hall fraternity, and that he had been of vital service to that body in its legal fights before the United States Supreme Court to establish its legitimate right to operate in this country.

In 1924, Dr. Sulyman was an important witness before the Supreme Court, his depositions going far toward clarifying the question and bringing about favorable decisions for the colored masons of Kansas, Florida and Massachusetts and in the Texas case now pending.

Dr. Sulyman declares that he made a proposition to Imperial Potentate Caesar R. Blake of the Mystic Shriners, offering to transmit to the colored Shriners legitimacy through their officiating with the Mecca Medina Temple, which he, Dr. Sulyman, had incorporated in the State of New York, and this proposition was considered by the Committee of Defense in a conference with Dr. Sulyman, with Imperial Potentate Blake present.

In this conference, he says, Blake suggested that the mysteries of the investiture be disclosed to him individually, and that he would then transmit the oath to his brother Shriners, but this Dr. Sulyman declined to do. For his services in testifying before the Washington tribunal, Dr. Sulyman states that he was paid $550, and that this amount included reimbursement for his expenses as well.

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MOST MODERN AND BEAUTIFUL OF FRATERNAL BUILDINGS IN STATE. DEDICATION ADDRESS DELIVERED BY EXPRESS EDITOR

Structure is Most Modern and Beautiful of All Buildings Owned by Fraternities in State. Elaborate Colorings and Fittings Throughout and a Attractive Design Makes it Beauty Spot of Houston. Dedication Address Delivered by Express Editor.

HOUSTON, Texas, July 9—The most beautiful temple owned by the fraternal orders of the state was dedicated on last Monday afternoon in impressive exercises by The Ancient Order of Pilgrims, Texas Fraternity and one of the leaders in per cent of solvency for many years. Located at the corner of West Dallas and Bagby Sts., it commands a full view of the down town section and of the thickly settled Negro district of San Felipe as well.

The corner stone was laid by the Magnolia Lodge No. 3 of The Free and Accepted Masons of Houston and Worshipful Master Frank Starks acted as Master of Ceremonies. This ceremony took place at 4 o'clock and immediately thereafter, the dedication ceremonies began in the auditorium of the building.

DEDICATION ADDRESS DELIVERED BY EXPRESS EDITOR

Following the invocation by Rev. R. E. Brown, Supreme worthy Inspirator of the order and the Pilgrim Ode sung by the whole assembly, the statement of the purpose of the gathering was made by Supreme B. H. Grimes who told of the progress of the order from the days of its early beginning to the present and of the joy which all of its officers had in the celebration of the ocasion of the building of the temple.

Then followed a selection from the choir of The Bethel Baptist Church Choir and Editor J. W. Rice of The Express was introduced to deliver the dedicatory address.

In his opening remarks, the editor told of the early struggles of Father Hardy, founder of the order and of the lack of training which he and all of his followers had for the work which they were beginning. Said he, "they had no background of schools and of shops, neither did they know of records and accounting as did their brothers in white of that day and generation. But think how rich in hope and how firm in trust they must have been. Behind them in immediate prospect was nothing but the shade and horror of slavery. But with supreme trust in the God of their deliverance, brought together by the realization of a comomn need, they pooled their.. mites,.. laying slowly but surely the foundation for the glorious day which we are now celebrating. Out of that humble foot path which they blazed through the wilderness of ignorance, superstition and fear, now rises this glorious highway of progress and this is the chief milestone upon it. Truly these grand old sires should forever be enshrined in the minds and souls of us who have been so richly endowed by them. Surely they should be cherished for the splendid legacy which they have bequeathed to us. For it was out of the mire and seeming crudeness of that by gone day that this temple now rises, lily-like, charming with its beauty and delighting with its elegance, the eyes of all beholders."

In speaking of the present of the order he declared "it is a long way and a far cry from the hold of a slave ship to the possession of a temple like this. It is a long distance from Jamestown to Houston in days like this, but surely we have made the journey and it has been only the guiding hand and the protecting presence of Almighty God which has brought this thing to pass. Who shall say that the rich legacy of Father Hardy and his followers passed on to B. H. Grimes and James D. Ryan, their planning, working and striving, until we here today, dedicate this magnificent temple to the virtue of Honesty and courage and erect this monument to perserverance, who shall say that it is not proof that "God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform." Truly we have seen his guiding hand. And how has he worked? Only through the minds and hearts of men, His creatures and servants."

He then paid a glowing tribute to Supreme Shepherd Grimes, declaring that "his work and his travels day and night throughout the length and breadth of Texas, his planning and argument with all of us in our local lodges, his insistence that we always strive for better things has brought us to this glorious day in which we have reputation, prominence and success."

In speaking of Secretary Ryan he said "this man bears the ear marks of those who have been known for many ages as the noblest work of God. Here is an honest man; a man whose greatest boast is, not that he has held this position for many years, not that he is the mainstay of this order, but that he has not a dishonest penny in his possession, that he has never profited himself at the expense of his fellow man."

And then, turning to the membership of the order he declared that "I would that I could fully describe for you, the feelings of these members from all parts of this state. For years they have worked and hoped and followed. For many years they have given and helped and believed. And today they sit here, seeing the realization of their dream come true. Many of them are now going down the sunset slopes of life. The declining sun is throwing his beams full in their faces, for they are turned toward the west and soon, Father Time will draw the curtain over their earthly existence. Many of them have known the chains and shackles of slavery. Many of them have known the sting of poverty and the curse of ignorance. All of them have known the trials and tribulations of a beginning which was fraught with disappointments and fears. But today, they stand in the light of a free and a new day. Today their eyes behold the glory of a reality which they did not hope to see. How glad they must be. How glad we should be for them."

Turining then to the younger men and women of the Order he declared that "the mantle of these, our elders, will soon fall upon our shoulders and we will be expected to carry the banner of this great order to still greater heights than have they. And we should do this. They have a right to expect it of us; for we have had all of the advantages which they did not enjoy. Schools, homes and all of the advantages of a progressive civilization have been ours and if we do not measure up to their expectations, we should of all men consider ourselves most miserable. It should not be unreasonable to expect us to make the membership of this order cover the whole of these United States, numbering hundreds of thousands instead of thousands. It should not be unreasonable to expect us to list our assets by the millions instead of counting them by the hundreds of thousands. For truly it is right to feel that "men are workers, ever reaping something new, things they have done but earnest of the things which they shall do. It is right to look into the future, catch a vision of all of the wonders that will be and work and strive to make of those wonders, realities and very present things."

And in conclusion, turning to a representative of the white race who was present, the speaker described the joy which all Negroes had in the knowledge of the interest of members of the white race in the progressive things which they were attempting. He said "we are pleased to know that we do not strive alone and we know that you have known of us at all times since our coming among you upon the shores of America. three hundred years you have heard our songs and you know the sweetness of our souls and the depths of our feeling. For three hundred years you have tested our loyalty to the Stars and Stripes, banner of the greatest nation upon the face of the earth. Out of the smoke and shouting of a thousand battle fields the name of America has risen cloud like and today it is written high among the nations of the world. And all the way from Boston Commons to the poppy covered fields of Bonny France the blood of black men has been spilled and it mingles with that of the choicest of the American heroes who have died that this nation might become great. You know that we love America. For many years you have known of the capacity of my people for the tenderest feelings known to humankind for the successive generation of white America have been nursed by the tender womanhood of the Negro race. For three hundred years my singers have sung to you, from Phyllis Wheatley to Paul Lawrence Dunbar and now Countee Cullen and Claude Mackay and you have known of my builders of great systems for Booker T Washington was the child of the world. All of these things which your race has known of mine have been the manner of our pleading for a greater opportunity to share in the making of America. But we are not through. Today we come, offering upon the altars of your cities, our choicest gifts, this temple, born of the leadership of blackmen and brown women; born of their ability to work together in large numbers. Can you not see in such manifestations as these, the existence of a spirit comparable only to that of the Pilgrim Fathers who lighted the torch of civilization in the Western world. They fought only the wilderness and physical dangers. But we have conquered the demon of fear. We have overcome the spirit of despair. We have conquered ignorance. And all of the way, we have fought pure prejudice. For what? Only for the opportunity to help with other Americans in making the greatness of America permanent. Can you not see the great white soul of my people shining out clear cut and clean in such achievements as these. Do you not feel that they are entitled to a greater opportunity to do and to share and to be, along with others in this great experiment in Democracy? Measure us then by our souls and see us through such manifestations as this and realize that, were all of the many classes and kinds of peoples who are today welcomed in this great melting pot, as easy to know and as constant in service, America would truly to glory arise and forever be known as The Light of the World and The Child of the Skies."

He closed by dedicating the temple to "Texas, gods' Garden Spot of Earth, in the hope that its very existence at the heart of Houston, metropolis of the South will say, in all of the years to come, to black men that they have reason for greater faith in themselves, greater reason for planning for the future, greater need for pride in their own ability to accomplish; that its erection might say to white Houston that "kinky locks and dark complexions, cannot alter Natures claim, that skins may differ but affec-

tions, dwell in white and black, appearance of the same;" and that to all men everywhere, its lines might be an old men and aged four of them; Mrs. Pa- tience Gilmore, Mrs. Evie Fisher, ation of good people, devoted to

of several members of the order, worked that the order might live. guidance of His Hands. He likened the dedicatory sermon was peached by Rev. J. S. Scott, minister of Houston, who briefly in halting words and dwelt on the wonderful influence of how they of God in the affairs of men and her many years ago the fact that the successes of all r Hardy and how they earthly endeavors were due to the

CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE ORDER TELL OF EARLY DAYS

There were four with Father Hardy and worked with him. Elder and J. M. Wil- liams. Mrs. L. J. Elder each others interests and all of his interesting

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MOST MODERN AND BEAUTIFUL OF FRATERNAL BUILDINGS IN STATE. DEDICATION ADDRESS DELIVERED BY EXPRESS EDITOR

Structure is Most Modern and Beautiful of All Buildings Owned by Fraternities in State. Elaborate Colorings and Fittings Throughout and a Attractive Design Makes it Beauty Spot of Houston. Dedication Address Delivered by Express Editor.

HOUSTON, Texas, July 9—The most beautiful temple owned by the fraternal orders of the state was dedicated on last Monday afternoon in impressive exercises by The Ancient Order of Pilgrims, Texas Fraternity and one of the leaders in per cent of solvency for many years. Located at the corner of West Dallas and Bagby Sts., it commands a full view of the down town section and of the thickly settled Negro district of San Felipe as well.

The corner stone was laid by the Magnolia Lodge No. 3 of The Free and Accepted Masons of Houston and Worshipful Master Frank Starks acted as Master of Ceremonies. This ceremony took place at 4 o'clock and immediately thereafter, the dedication ceremonies began in the auditorium of the building.

DEDICATION ADDRESS DELIVERED BY EXPRESS EDITOR

Following the invocation by Rev. R. E. Brown, Supreme worthy Inspirator of the order and the Pilgrim Ode sung by the whole assembly, the statement of the purpose of the gathering was made by Supreme B. H. Grimes who told of the progress of the order from the days of its early beginning to the present and the joy which all of its officers had in the celebration of the occasion of the building of the temple.

Then followed a selection from the choir of The Bethel Baptist Church Choir and Editor J. W. Rice of The Express was introduced to deliver the dedicatory address.

In his opening remarks, the editor told of the early struggles of Father Hardy, founder of the order and of the lack of training which he and all of his followers had for the work which they were beginning. Said he, "they had no background of schools and of shops, neither did they know of records and accounting as did their brothers in white of that day and generation. But think how rich in hope and how firm in trust they must have been. Behind them in immediate prospect was nothing but the shade and horror of slavery. But with supreme trust in the God of their deliverance, brought together by the realization of a comomn need, they pooled their.. mites,.. laying slowly but surely the foundation for the glorious day which we are now celebrating. Out of that humble foot path which they blazed through the wilderness of ignorance, superstition and fear, now rises this glorious highway of progress and this is the chief milestone upon it. Truly these grand old sires should forever be enshrined in the minds and souls of us who have been so richly endowed by them. Surely they should be cherished for the splendid legacy which they have bequeathed to us. For it was out of the mire and seeming crudeness of that by gone day that this temple now rises, lily-like, charming with its beauty and delighting with its elegance, the eyes of all beholders."

In speaking of the present of the order he declared "it is a long way and a far cry from the days of its early hold of a slave ship to the possession of a temple like this. It is a long distance from Jamestown to Houston in days like this, but surely we have made the journey and it has been only the guiding hand and the protecting presence of Almighty God which has brought this thing to pass. Who shall say that the rich legacy of Father Hardy and his followers passed on to B. H. Grimes and James D. Ryan, their planning, working and striving, until we here today, dedicate this magnificent temple to the virtue of Honesty and courage and erect this monument to perserverance, who shall say that it is not proof that "God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform." Truly we have seen his guiding hand. And how has he worked? Only through the minds and hearts of men, His creatures and servants."

He then paid a glowing tribute to Supreme Shepherd Grimes, declaring that "his work and his travels day and night throughout the length and breadth of Texas, his planning and argument with all of us in our local lodges, his insistence that we always strive for better things has brought us to this glorious day in which we have reputation, prominence and success."

In speaking of Secretary Ryan he said "this man bears the earmarks of those who have been known for many ages as the noblest work of God. Here is an honest man; a man whose greatest boast is, not that he has held this position for many years, not that he is the mainstay of this order, but that he has not .. dishonest penny in his possession, that he has never profited himself at the expense of his fellow man."

And then, turning to the membership of the order he declared that "I would that I could fully describe for you, the feelings of these members from all parts of this state. For years they have worked and hoped and followed. For many years they have given and helped and believed. And today they sit here, seeing the realization of their dream come true. Many of them are now going down the sunset slopes of life. The declining sun is throwing his beams full in their faces, for they are turned toward the west and soon, Father Time will draw the curtain over their earthly existence. Many of them have known the chains and shackles of slavery. Many of them have known the sting of poverty and the curse of ignorance. All of them have known the trials and tribulations of a beginning which was fraught with disappointments and fears. But today their eyes behold the glory of a reality which they did not hope to see. How glad they must be. How glad we should be for them."

Turining then to the younger men and women of the Order he declared that "the mantle of these, our elders, will soon fall upon our shoulders and we will be expected to carry the banner of this great order to still greater heights than have they. And we should do this. They have a right to expect it of us; for we have had all of the advantages which they did not enjoy. Schools, homes and all of the advantages of a progressive civilization have been ours and if we do not measure up to their expectations, we should of all men consider ourselves most miserable. It should not be unreasonable to expect us to make the membership of this order cover the whole of these United States, numbering hundreds of thousands instead of thousands. It should not be unreasonable to expect us to list our assets by the millions instead of counting them by the hundreds of thousands. For truly it is right to feel that "men are workers, ever reaping something new, things they have done but earnest of the things which they shall do. It is right to look into the future, catch a vision of all of the wonders that will be and work and strive to make of those wonders, realities and very present things."

And in conclusion, turning to a representative of the white race who was present, the speaker described the joy which all Negroes had in the knowledge of the interest of members of the white race in the progressive things which they were attempting. He said "we are pleased to know that we do not strive alone and we know that you have known of us at all times since our coming among you upon the shores of America. three hundred years you have heard our songs and you know the sweetness of our souls the depths of our feeling. For three hundred years you have tested our loyalty to the Stars and Stripes, banner of the greatest nation upon the face of the earth. Out of the smoke and shouting of a thousand battle fields the name of America has risen cloud like and today it is written high among the nations of the world. And all the way from Boston Commons to the popy covered fields of Bonny France the blood of black men has been spilled and it mingles with that of the choicest of the American heroes who have died that this nation might become great. You know that we love America. For many years you have known of the capacity of my people for the tenderest feelings known to humankind for the successive generation of white America have been nursed by the tender womanhood of the Negro race. For three hundred years my singers have sung to you, from Phyllis Wheatley to Paul Lawrence Dunbar and now Countee Cullen and Claude Mackay and you have known of my builders of great systems for Booker T Washington was the child of the world. All of these things which your race has known of mine have been the manner of our pleading for a greater opportunity to share in the making of America. But we are not through. Today we come, offering upon the altars of your cities, our choicest gifts, this temple, born of the leadership of blackmen and brown women; born of their ability to work together in large numbers. Can you not see in such manifestations as these, the existence of a spirit comparable only to that of the Pilgrim Fathers who lighted the torch of civilization in the Western world. They fought only the wilderness and physical dangers. But we have conquered the demon of fear. We have overcome the spirit of despair. We have conquered ignorance. And all of the way, we have fought pure prejudice. For what? Only for the opportunity to help with other Americans in making the greatness of America permanent. Can you not see the great white soul of my people shining out clear cut and clean in such achievements as these. Do you not feel that they are entitled to a greater opportunity to do and to share and to be, along with others in this great experiment in Democracy? Measure us then by our souls and see us through such manifestations as this and realize that, were all of the many classes and kinds of peoples who are today welcomed in this great melting pot, as easy to know and as constant in service, America would truly to glory arise and forever be known as The Light of the World and The Child of the Skies."

He closed by dedicating the temple to "Texas, gods' Garden Spot of Earth, in the hope that its very existence at the heart of

The dedicatory sermon was of several of the order, peached by Rev. J. S. Scott, minchartered members of the ister of Houston, who briefly old men and aged women who told to the audience in halting words and dwelt on the wonderful influence od in simple phrases, of how they of God in the affairs of men and came together many years ago the fact that the successes of all with Father Hardy and how they earthly endeavors were due to the worked that the order might live, guidance of His Hands. He likenthere were four of them: Mrs. Pa- ed fraternal orders to "an associtence Gilmore, Mrs. Evie Fisher, ation of good people, devoted to ing Mrs. L. J. Elder and J. M. Wil- each others interests and all of his liams.

remarks were built around the Scripture "He that dwelleth in the place of the Most High, shall abide under the shadow of The Almighty.

PILGRIM BAND FURNISHES MUSIC FOR OPENING

It is probable that the members of the Order are almost as proud of the progress of the Pilgrim band as they are of the temple which furnished music for the dedication ceremonies along with the choir of The Bethel Baptist Church. This band is directed by Prof. Arthur Ewell and its music was encored many times as it played from time to time on the various programs of the opening services of th grand conclave. Dressed in new uniforms and with well polished instruments, it was a source of joy to all of those who heard it.

BUILDING WELL APPOINTED AND BEAUTIFUL

It is literally true that the new temple is the most beautiful of all of those owned by the fraternal orders of the state of Texas. Standing four stories and a half in heigh and built of grey brick, shaped to fit the corner on which it stands, it is imposing and commanding.

Its fittings are elegant, from its lobby decorated in green, saffron and red tile with soft lighting fixtures appropriately placed to its topmost floor. Its auditorium seats more than 1200 and it is fitted with movable seats so as to make a drill or dance floor there. The half story is built in to fit the gallery of the auditorium and, there, the booth for the motion pictures is located.

The stage is roomy and well ecorated with footlights and a ew lighting device so placed as o throw light directly upon the age when the foot lights are not urning. Beautiful fixtures decorated in green, light red, and orange hang from the center while the panels throughout the auditorium are frescoed and adorned. Its acoustics are unusually good and the most modern of ventilating systems renders the place cool under all conditions.

Two modern elevators convey the patrons from floor to floor while a gently ascending staricase, floored with terazza, makes walking comfortable. All of the woodwork is solid oak, and the offices are equipped with hot and cold water.

The comments of all of those visiting the new building, and they have come and gone in great numbers since its opening three days ago, have been in praise of it and it is from the comments of such as these that the general impression is gained that it is considered the most beautiful of all of the office buildings in Texas.

GRAND LODGE OPENS TUESDAY

The Grand Conclave formally opened on Tuesday night with a program of speeches of welcome and songs by the various choral clubs and choirs of the city. But even before that, the business of the session had gotten under way under the direction of Supreme Shepherd Grimes and Secretary James D. Ryan.

Committees had been appointed and the regular degrees conferred upon more than thirty candidates.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS JUBILANT

Though there is general rejoicing at the success of the temple venture, the grand lodge officers themselves are the least communicative but the most pleased. Supreme Shepherd Grimes, cannot speak for smiling as the temple is mentioned. Secretary Ryan, always rather quiet of utterance, can only smile and agree "that it looks pretty well." But on all by the membership of the order, many of whom have come to Houston at their own expense just to see the new building, and they are beseiged on all sides with congratulations on the adminis- with it. All of them are present as well as many of the leaders tration of the business connected from other parts of the state.

Among those seen were: Col. Louis Lyon of Austin, member of the grand lodge staff, V. G. Goree, member of the grand lodge staff of Odd Fellows, James Ewing of The Odd Fellows, J. A. Duncan of The National Benefit Life, A. K. L. Leonard, realtor of San Antonio and his wife, Dr. A. S. Jackson, of The A. M. E. Church, S. J. Dickson of Tabor, and as usual all of the group of prominent men of Houston including Dr. Hobar Thomas, O. P. De Walt, H. P. Carter, Attorney Carter Wesley, Attorney J. A. Atkins, Editor Richardson, and a host of others.

SHRINERS PREPARE FOR THE ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Associated Negro Press.

NEWARK, N. J., Aug. 3.—This city will be in the grip of one of the most significant and spectacular conventions ever held here, from August 29 through August 31st, according to the proclamation issued by Imperial Potentate Caesar R. Blake, Jr., which decrees that the 28th annual conclave of the ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, affiliated with Prince Hall Masonry, will be held here.

According to a statement issued by J. A. Jackson, imperial publicist, 122 temples, aggregating a membership of 15,000 Masons of the higher degree, will be represented at the sessions here, with Golgonda Temple, number 24, as the host.

The 15,000 Nobles are selected from the Knights Templars and Scottish Rites Masons of the 32d degree branch of the Masonic fraternity, which are in turn fabricated from the nearly 400,000 Master Masons of the affiliation that has grown out of the lodge established by Prince Hall in Boston in revolutionary days. From the opening session, at which prominent city and state officials will speak, to the picturesque parade on the final day, the program will be chockful of activities of interest to delegates, visiting Nobles and "Camp followers." This program is made up of business sessions, drill contests between Arab and Egyptian patrols and marching clubs of various temples including the Medinah Temple No. 19 of New York City, and Arabic Temple No. 19 of Chicago which boasts of the largest temple in the jurisdiction and the championship drill patrol, headed by Alderman R. R. Jackson.

The parade on the final day will be under the supervision of Clarence E. Dunlap, Imperial Commander of patrols of Indianapolis, Ind., and Charles Thorpe, New York, imperial master and will be participated by patrols from New York, Chicago, Boston, Atlantic City, New Haven, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Pittsburg, Louisville, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Buffalo, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Columbus, Ohio, Norfolk, Jacksonville, Fla., and other cities and their bands.

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ALBUQUERQUEAN NAMED COLORED MASON LEADER

Reverend W. M. Young Is Elected Commander-in-Chief of Prince Hall Scottish Rite Affiliation

The Rev. W. M. Young of Albuquerque was elected commander-in-chief of the Prince Hall affiliation of colored Masons at the conclusion Wednesday of a three-day fifth annual consistory of thirty-second degree Masons of the Scottish rite, Prince Hall affiliation, here. Masons of this degree from all over New Mexico attended the meeting.

King R. Connors of Albuquerque was named inspector general of the valley. Chief officers elected were: H. Y. Moton, Roswell, first lieutenant commander; W. H. Riggins, Gallup, second lieutenant commander; King R. Conners, Albuquerque, minister of state; Hobart D. Boyer, Vado, grand chancellor; W. U. Scott, Silver City, grand secretary; A. Moultrie, Vado, grand treasurer; Wayman D. Gray, Roswell, grand hospitaller; Frank M. Boyer, Vado, grand master of ceremonies; James Harris Silver City, grand standard bearer, E. T. Boyer, Vado, grand captain of the guard; Willis Henricks, Albuquerque, grand sentinel; E. J. Jenkins, Gallup, excellent recorder; R. Lewis, Gallup, venerable master of ceremonies; C. . Hughes, Vado, valiant turcopilier; J. W. Kidd, Albuquerque, worthy draper; Fred Minor, Vado, worthy deacon; G. W. Jenkins, Gallup, bearer of standard; T. H. Cleaveland, Vado, lieutenant of guard; C. L. Penn, Roswell, sentinel.

Sessions were held at the old Masonic hall at 106 1-2 West Gold. Some new members were initiated, and much enthusiasm was aroused by the meeting. A grand banquet was served to the visiting Illustrious Princes Wednesday night.

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Negro Pythians Plan Convention In This City

A large number of members attended the session of Union Lodge, No. 53, Knights of Pythias, Saturday evening, when J. W. Norton, chancellor commander presided. All regular business was deferred until the next meeting, July 9, and the meeting was devoted to the discussion of plans for the coming convention, which will be held in this city during the first week of October.

The chancellor commander welcomed the committee from Naomi Court and then turned the meeting over to J. Wallen, chairman of the combined convention committees, who called for the report of the women. Mrs. Elsie Norton, chairman of the women's committee reported progress and stated that with the co-operation of the men the delegats would receive a most hospitable welcome when they arrived for the convention.

Members of the women's committee are Mrs. Elsie Norton, past worthy councillor, chairman; Mrs. Adelaide Miller, worthy councillor; Mrs. Lillie Gray, recorder of deeds; Mrs. Page, inspector; Mrs. Darcy and Mrs. Beale.

An invitation to attend the memorial service for the late grand chancellor, A. F. Davidson was extended and a large delegation attended the ceremonies, which were held in the Thirteenth Avenue Presbyterian Church, Newark, yesterday afternoon.

David Robinson, master of work, reported on the bus ride to Bear Mountain, which will be held July 4. All preparatins are complete, Mr. Robinson announced and the buses will leave Nutley at 6:30 o'clock in the morning, also at Sherman Street and Passaic Avenue, and also at Sherman Street and Main Avenue. The public is invited.

Future Of Unfinished Masonic Temple Is Indefinite

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Completion of the unfinished Masonic structure at Tenth and U streets, northwest, is indefinite and uncertain, Attorneys Houston and Houston say in behalf of the New Masonic Hall Corporation in an answer filed to the intervening petition of the Most Worshipful Acacia Grand Lodge of Free Ancient and Accepted Masons of the District of Columbia and Samuel J. Solomon, a builder.

In the intervening petition the Masonic Grand Lodge and Solomon declare that the commitment of a loan has been secured and the petitioners desire to pay in full the obligation of the purchaser to the trustees, Alexander Wolf and Wm. L. Houston, but because of the possibilities of the filing of mechanic liens against the property for work or material furnished prior to April 12, 1926, the petitioners are unable to furnish satisfactory proof of security to the lender of the money.

Attorneys Houston and Houston in answering the petition declare that the petitioners are guilty of laches. Every point raised by the petitioners, they say, has existed since the date of the sale and was disposed of prior to the settlement of the sale and the execution and delivery of the two promissory notes of $33,000 each.

The petition was filed July st to gain an extension of time in the payment of the note which becomes due July 12, by the delay incident to a hearing, Attorneys Houston and Houston assert. They point out that while the petitioners express a desire to pay the two notes, they do not state that they are ready and able to pay them.

A motion to advance the date of the hearing on the petition was filed Tuesday.

The petitioners ask that the proceeds from the payment of the two notes be impounded in the registry of the court for a period of three months after the building is completed to insure payment of any mechanic liens which may be filed against the property for work or material furnished prior to the purchase of the unfinished structure by the Masonic grand lodge.

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MASONIC GRAND LODGE MAKES FINE SHOWING

The session of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Alabama just closed in th City of Anniston, was in many respects a happy revelation of race progress Our interpretation of the meaning of progress must carry the force o decidedly changed conditions for better, the evidences of which were apparen on every side.

Some years ago, this institution struggling against adversity and sorry management found it difficult to exist and keep its obligations to its mem bership. The strides made by it in the past ten years, as exemplified in the report of last week, prove that its phenomenal growth is the result of fore sight and careful, honest management.

This is a fine example of what it means to have able and efficient admin istrative officers in whom the public confidence is not misplaced.

It is altogether worthy of special note and praise that the assets of thi Alabama organization has risen in value from an amount of less than $100,00 to an amount of over $800,000 and that gilt edge value of the latter amoun is unquestionably more tangible and negotiable.

It is equally as interesting to note that the Eastern Star, a companionat organization of the Masonic Grand Lodge, has grown in a like ratio and that while the Grand Lodge collections for the year ending June 30 amount t $326,897.56, the collections of the Eastern Star division amount to $58,888.00 making a total of more than $385,344.56 in all for this year.

It is not reasonable to suppose, that under any other than the best con ditions and the fullest confidence and co-operation of the craft, this fin showing could have been made. Grand Master W. T. Woods has left n doubt of his genius in the minds of those who heard the reports, nor has h in any sense failed to see that the same high efficiency obtained in ever department of the order.

The unselfish interest displayed in the line of duty on the field and th large results in the form of new members and lodges without expense bill to the Grand Lodge were evidences of a type of honest, efficient service rarely approached by administrative officials of Negro organizations. No one cent of traveling expenses nor any extra incidentals beyond the regula salary for himself and the allowance made by the Grand Lodge for secretaria assistance was used.

As shown by Auditor W. H. Carter's report, every penny for all purpose went to record with proper evidence and classification and every transactio is traceable to the intake and output point. It is further evident that eac division produces its own finance, carries its own part of the expense loa and there is no "robbing of Peter to pay Paul" resulting in false entries an blind juggling of figures to hide irregularities.

Auditor Carter does an indispensable service for this order that migh be duplicated in others. It is this efficient system of accounting insiste on by Grand Master Woods that keeps the confidence stayed and the wa clear for the phenomenal growth of this order.

The Grand Order of the Eastern Star whose meeting in this connectio as a companion organization, enjoys a prosperity and a management in ever way equal to its companion. It is fortunate in having at its head Mrs. Jani Balasco, one of the leading women of the race and an executive whose abilit and faithful service are rarely equaled. Associated with her is Grand Patro I. H. Rose and other efficient officers who contribute in no small degree t this marvelous success.

The success of Negro fraternal orders must come through honest effi cient management and unselfish effort on the part of their administrative officials. It must come through clear and unequivocal accounting for funds It has long been the opinion of this publication that the most destructive inefficiency imaginable is the bungling of accounts and the absence of itemized clearness in reports. It not only leaves the interested parties and the public in the dark as to the progress but cultivates dishonesty and invites theft where it could not otherwise exist nor be tolerated.

The public spirit toward any organization depends on its confidence in the honesty and integrity of its management, and, when this is destroyed by inefficiency in the form of graft, waste and careless accounting, evil days come upon the strongest and best of them.

MASONIC GRAND CONVOCATION

The meeting of the Grand Lodge of Masons of the jurisdiction of Maryland in their 79th Annual Convention at Salisbury next Sunday brings promptly into public view the standing and great esteem in which the colored order of Free and Accepted Masons is held in Maryland.

The Masonic order, the most ancient among secret societies, is composed of the best citizens of Maryland and the jurisdictions in which it is found and by its benefactions, its high standard of citizenship places it second only to the church in worth and relation to the communities in whch it exists. The Grand Master of the Maryland jurisdiction, Willard W. Allen, represents the highest type of citizenship of Maryland and is known, trusted and respected for his sterling integrity, liberality and progressiveness.

Past Grand Master Evans, Grand Secretary Duppin, Grand Treasurer Fitzhugh and all its Grand Officers are also of the highest type of citizenship and possess the esteem and confidence not only of their brother Masons but all of their fellow citizens.

Such an order comprising such a membership and so officered does not excite surprise when the citizens, white and black, of the city in which their grand conventions are held extend to it and its delegates hearty and generous welcome such as th city of Salisbury is holding out to the coming Grand Lodge.

It is a splendid exhibition of good feeling and fellowship between the races in the city of Salisbury and is pregnant with promise of mutual sympathy, friendship and accord between the races in Maryland and the entire South.

CONTEND FOR RIGHT TO USE ORDER'S NAME

Appeal From Ruling of Texas Tribunal

Washington, D. C., March 18. —Shriners of our group won their first court fight Monday when they were granted an appeal by the United States supreme court from an injunction issued in Texas restraining them from using the name, emblems and insignia of white Shriners.

S. A. T. Watkins

The case was filed six years ago in the district court at Houston, removed to the court of civil appeal at Galveston and the supreme court at Austin, in which the Texas courts decided in favor of the white Shriners.

Shriners of our group represented by S. A. T. Watkins and James E. White of the law firm of Denicon, Watkins & White, Chicago, petitioned the supreme court of the United States, raising nine federal questions, including the 14th amendment to the Constitution of the United States, as a reason for removing, which this court concurred in by granting the petition.

James E. White

While the local Shriners were first made parties,

The National Shrine bodies petitioned and were made parties so that the present case is one between the national organization and will decide all Shrine litigation. Similar cases are pending in Florida and Louisiana which will abide the decision of the present case.

The supreme court of the United States here will consider the case on its merits at a future date.

The granting of the appeal by the United States supreme court came as climax of 12 years hard fighting by Attorney S. A. T. Watkins. The victory showed that Dixie was beaten at its own game.

The Shriners case is similar to that filed several years ago by the white secret order movement of Georgia against members of the Knights of Pythias, a similar organization composed of members of our Race, which found its way into the United States supreme court and was fought by the same attorneys, assisted by Judge Alton P. Parker, who made the final arguments which resulted in a victory.

MASONS LEAD FRATERNITIES; $326,897.56 RAISED; GRAND LODGE TO MEET IN B'HAM

EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS IS THE EXCESS AMOUNT OVER LAST YEAR'S SAVINGS—THE GRAND LODGE WILL MEET IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA., THE 3rd TUESDAY IN JULY

Anniston, Ala., July 21.—(Special to The Reporter.)—Nearly two thousand Masons, representing every section of the State of Alabama assembled here Tuesday morning, July 19th, and closed one of the most historic sessions in the history of the Order, this afternoon.

It was Grand Master W. T. Woods' address that held the attention of the Grand Lodge three hours and 36 minutes Tuesday evening, when he addressed the Craftsmen on the work of the Order, its progress in Alabama his official acts during this fraternal year; his visit to the Prince Hall Grand Lodge in Boston, Mass.; the forty new lodges set up in the state and nearly five thousand new members made since the last Grand Lodge, represented the high points of the Grand Master's annual message. While the address lasted three hours and 36 minutes, the speaker was cheered constantly when he spoke against graft, tricksters, lodge politicians, Grand Lodge orators, and under-cover methods to deceive the people, so often practiced by false leadership.

"I have travelled the State of Alabama, he said, and I have spoken to nearly a hundred thousand people, men and women, it was a pleasure for me to go, and the results of my going and conferring with my brethren I bring to you at this Grand Communication unparalelled success, harmony prevailing over this state, and we have not spent a dime on district meetings, and haven't needed one. Not once has your Grand Master called upon the Grand Lodge Department, or any other department of the Order for travelling expenses. I have been in the hands of my brethren, and your trust fund and all other monies sent to your Grand Department and your Endowment Department have been directed, superintended and used in keeping with the laws of the Order and by your special instructions."

The report of Auditor W. H. Carter showed a substantial increase over the collections for last year in the Endowment Department; $326,897.00 was collected from all sources of the Masonic fraternity, $58,447.00 was collected by the Eastern Stars, making a total cash collection of $385,344.00.

This was the fiftieth annual communication of the Alabama Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and the Golden Jubilee will be celebrated in 1928 at the Masonic Temple, Birmingham Ala., when the debt will be liquidated and the mortgage burned on the eight-story building of the Masonic fraternity, which was erected at a cost of more than $750,000.

Public Program Tuesday Night

The features of Tuesday's session was calling the roll of 876 local lodges, representing a membership of 30,000, and the 14th annual address of Grand Master Walter Thomas Woods and the very encouraging address by the Honorable Sidney J. Reaves, Mayor of the City of Anniston at the public program.

Mayor Reaves, in his opening remarks, encouraged the work of the Masonic fraternity as led on by Walter Thomas Woods and expressed a kindly feeling for the Negro people throughout the country and stated that the relation between the races in Anniston was cordial and sympathetic, that the citizens were glad to welcome the Masons and he urged upon the membership to respect honest leadership and to emulate the examples of the lowly Nazarene, the man of Galilee who laid down His life for the redemption of the world. He told his hearers that education, Christianity and industry were the high virtues to be cultivated and that these virtues were respected in any man or woman regardless to race or color. The Mayor spoke to about fifteen hundred delegates, including representatives of the State Grand Chapter of Eastern Stars.

Responding to the address of Mayor Reaves, Dr. E. T. Belsaw, of Mobile thanked the Mayor on behalf of the Grand Lodge and expressed appreciation for the fine sentiment of the address. He spoke of the exodus and other things that made strange the relation of the races in the South and expressed the thought that such men as Mayor Reaves could do much to bring about a fairer consideration for the black people of this section of America.

Welcome on behalf of the churches were made by Rev. P. Joseph Watkins, and for the Masonic Lodges of the city by E. W. Rhodes. Responses were made by Prof. T. H. Randall, of Montgomery, and Oscar W. Adams, of Birmingham. Editor of The Birmingham establishing for this race a worthy and respectable citizenship. It is you horny handed sons of toil, craftsmen and masters of 876 lodges, who are molding the sentiment among the dominant race for protection and consideration. I am proud of your history and the accomplishments in the past decade. Hear me, ten years ago in Tuscaloosa, Ala., we owed nearly a hundred thousand dollars. Our credit was shadowed, our craftsmen disturbed and our widows and orphans suffering. We are today approaching the top of the mountain; we have come from the rough side of the hill and from the valley low, and are now looking at the summit; we are standing face to face with the world, looking it square in the eye with more than three quarters of a million dollars to our credit; with our debt retired and an increased value this year over last year of $85,000!

"Brethren, the Masons are here to stay. We are on a substantial foundation; we will never forget the principles of this fraternity looking for gold and filthy lucre.

"Since I have been your Grand Master, and I dare not reflect on any other administration, your records have been kept clean and your financial operations unquestioned. To my sorrow, I have had to be rather drastic with some persons who accidentally got into the Order who could not be made Masons, and when I find that they are dishonest the courts of the order and the courts of the land are accessible and I freely use them both (heavy applause). Five persons accidentally got into our Order this year that were discovered by your Grand Master, and we caught them stealing money. The last I heard of them, they were in Kilby prison, and there is one more in jail in Jefferson County that is awaiting his trip to some prison. We have got to use these corrective measures, Brethren. While it is not a pleasant task, it is necessary at times to use these corrective methods.

"I entreat you as Masons to stick to the principles of the institution. Live clean lives and be respectable. Some people leave home, and the citizens are hoping that they will never return; live so that the home folks will be glad to see you coming back; we must keep our persons clean, learn the value of a good bath; water and soap constantly used will aid in development of substantial character, all who have tried it will agree with me." (Heavy applause.)

After telling the history of Free Masonry; his visit to Prince Hall, Boston, Mass., and counseling his craftsmen to be proud of the institution, giving a brief picture of the origin of this fraternity and his impressions of the Grand Master's Council in Boston Mass., Grand Master Woods, discussed his official acts for the fraternal year, and in this he showed more than a hundred official visits and quite 200 addresses covering a space of nearly five months. He gave a version of endowment members and true Masonry.

The Grand Master's address encouraged education and temperance. He said in part:

"Efficient teachers cannot be secured at the low salaries paid in a number of communities. To remedy these conditions money is needed. By a united and carefully thought out effort, more might be obtained from the state and county and city funds, but we must in most cases supplement or add something if we would have a good teacher and longer school term. I therefore, recommend that every member of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge urge the people of his community to keep their children in school until they complete a course of education; that each of us make an earnest effort to organize and maintain in our communities an auxiliary board of education whose object will be the raising of funds to be employed in securing better teachers, lengthening the school term, improving and beautifying the school house and grounds, and assist in any way possible the giving of our children better educational advantages."

$326,897.56 Raised

The annual report of secretaries and treasurers showed that $326,897.56 was handled during the year, including $277,398.87 accounted for by Grand Treasurer R. B. Hudson of the Endowment Department, $19,498.69 handled in the Grand Lodge Department by P. D. Davis, Grand Secretary and J. O. Diffay, Grand Treasurer, including $4,915 forwarded from last year and $2,000 collected during the Anniston meeting. C. W. Peters, Endowment Secretary, reported $254,803.73 received, including $3,000 received during the Anniston meeting. The report of Mr. Peters is embodied in the report of Mr. Hudson.

Disbursements and Balance

The Endowment Department paid out during the year $192,136.45, leaving a balance on hand of $85,262.42. The Grand Lodge disbursed $12,303.78, leaving on hand $6,194.95.

Auditor's Reports

Wm. H. Carter, treasurer of Tuskegee Institute and expert auditor for the Endowment Department of the Order, reported that the accounts of the department were correct; that the income on rental of the temple was $23,882.42; that the assets of the Order are valued at more than $828,470 with liabilities amounting to $118,000 including $94,000 due on the Masonic Temple in Birmingham.

Auditor Carter also stated in his report that the Order had $95,000 deposited in the banks of Selma and

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Birmingham; that the finances of the Order have increased from an indebtedness of $92,000 to more than $800,000 on the other side of the ledger Concluding his report, Mr. Carter said: "The Masonic Grand Lodge A F. & A. M. of Alabama is one of the best managed fraternal organizations in the United States. Among Negro fraternal orders it is leader. Thirty-five per cent of the money paid into the Endowment Department goes into the reserve fund."

The auditing committee composed of Charles H. Evans, H. A. Knox and G. W. Baugh reported favorably on the financial reports made by Secretary P. D. Davis and Grand Treasurer J. O. Diffay, both of Birmingham.

Dr. L. L. Burwell, medical director, stated in his report that he had examined and favorably passed on 4,183 applications during the year and that the health conditions of the Order shows a decrease in tubercular and kidney troubles.

Among those who made stirring addresses were Grand Master Woods Dr. J. A. Bray, Editor Oscar W Adams, Secretary P. D. Davis, Dr G. W. Mitchell, Dr. E. T. Belsaw Deputy Grand Master Phillips, W. H Ward, Prof. T. H. Randall, Wm. H Carter, Dr. R. W. Coleman, Rev. P. J Watkins, E. W. Rhodes and others. Grand Master Woods paid an excellent compliment to The Birmingham Reporter.

All officers were re-elected by acclamation, and the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet in Birmingham, Alabama, the third Tuesday in July 1928

NEWS

Salisbury Md

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STATE COLORED MASONS LODGE TO MEET HERE

About 500 From All Parts Of State Plan Three Day Annual Communication

RUN SPECIAL TRAIN

FROM BALTIMORE CITY

Local Members Of Fraternity Planning To Make Affair Eclipse All Others

The Lamac Lodge No. 30 F. and A. M. is to be host to the 79th annual Communication of United Grand Lodge of F. and A. M. of Maryland and jurisdiction which will convene in the Frst Reg. Armory, this city Aug. 14, 15, 16, 1927. The Grand staff with five hundred Delegates and their friends are expected to attend. The special train from Baltimore will arrive in Salisbury Sunday at 3:15 P. M. Aug. 14th. 1927.

Memorial service Sunday Aug. 14th at 8:00 P. M. Dr. Thos. H. Kiah Grand Senior Warden, Principal of Princess Anne Academy will preside. Dr. Ernest Williams, Grand Chaplain of Baltimore will deliver the memorial address. Music for the occasion will be furnished by the famous Masonic choir of Baltimore Md., under the direction of Prof. William H. Bevans.

Monday, August 15th, at 9:00 A. M., Business Session, with Willard W. Allen Grand Master presiding. At 4:30 P. M. Masons will form in line at the Armory and parade through the principal streets of Salisbury, headed by the Famous Commonwealth Band of Baltimore City. Chas. R. Smith Grand Marshall assisted by Major Thos. P. Wilson, marshall of Lamac Lodge No. 30, will have charge of the parade.

As a token of appreciation to the citizens of Salisbury, the committee has arranged for a Band Concert from 7:15 to 8:00 P. M. at the Parkway Aug. 15th.

The public session will be held at the Armory Monday evening at 8:00 P. M., Prof P. E. Gordy D.D. G.M. Supervisor of Colored Schools of Wicomico County, will preside The welcome address on behalf of the citizens of the State of Maryland by Hon Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., State Comptroller

Response by the Hon. Ashby Hawkins of Baltimore. Address on behalf of the citizens of Salisbury by Hon. Mayor Thos. L. Parker. Response by Dr. Ernest Lyons of Baltimore, Pastor of Ames M. E. Church and Liberian consul to U. S. Dr. Lyons is one of the most able men of the race today and it will be a treat to hear him.

Hon. Willard W. Allan Grand Master of Maryland jurisdiction, president of the Southern Life Insurance Company and one on the leading Real Estate Brokers in Baltimore City will deliver the principal Address of the evening.

The committee of arrangements gives assurance that everything possible is being done to make this one of the best Conventions to be held in this State and to see that the visitors have as pleasant and happy a stay in our city while attending the Communication.

The Committee in charge of local plans are P. E. Gordy, W. Emerson Brow, U. G. Langston, Dr. G. D. White, and Howard E. Leonard

SCRANTON, PA

Times

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COLORED TEMPLARS.

Scranton, in years past, has had other conventions of colored men, but probably none with a more representative membership than the United Grand Conclave, Knights Templars, which opened its sessions this morning. The convention brought to the city a goodly number of men of prominence among the colored race throughout the state. The sessions of the convention promise to be most interesting. Local lodge members have arranged a meritorious program of entertainment for the delegates and visitors.

Scranton hasn't a big colored population; never had, in fact. Census figures show less than a thousand in the county all told. As a group, the colored people here have been good citizens. When their opportunities are considered they have done fairly well. In recent years particularly the colored residents of Scranton have displayed an interest and purpose in the advancement of the young people of the race which is highly commendable.

The Times expresses the kindliest wishes that the Knights Templars' convention will be successful and profitable for the organization.

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NEWARK, N. J

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Newark to Be Host to 5,000 of Colored Shrine

A convention of 5,000 colored shriners will be held here August 29, 30 and 31. Governor Moore is scheduled to address them at Bethany Baptist Church in Bank street at noon the twenty-ninth.

Noble Caesar R. Blake of Cleveland imperial potentate of the A. E. A. O. N. of Mystic Shriners will lead the pilgrimage to the fountain of Mecca at the church, where a session will begin at 10:30 o'clock that morning.

A parade to start at 5:30 o'clock August 30, will form at Lincoln Park and proceed along Broad street to Central avenue, up Central to High street over High to the Sussex Avenue Armory. Competitive drill of Arab patrols will follow at the armory.

A midnight show will be given at Dreamland Academy in Beacon street August 29. At the armory the following night at 8:30 a grand ball will be held. The Daughters of Isis will give a public reception and dance at Dreamland Park at 8:30 o'clock August 31.

The committee of arrangements includes W. R. Grigsby, chairman; J. P Young, Robert Stephens and Maurice Musson.

Shriners Gather In Newark for Session

Memorial Services Held Sunday at Bethany Baptist Church

The twenty-eighth annual session of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America and Jurisdiction and the seventeenth annual session of the Grand Court of the Daughters of Isis are being held in Newark this week from August 29 through today.

On Sunday, August 28, a memorial service was held at Bethany Baptist Church at 8 p. m. The Noble A. W. Frazier, M. D., high priest and phophet, was in charge of the service.

Monday morning the registration and session of the Nobles was held at Bethany Baptist Church on Bank street. The Daughters of Isis registered at the Thirteenth Avenue Presbyterian Church, Thirteenth avenue and Boston stret.

At 12 noon Governor A. Harry Moore delivered the welcome address on behalf of the state. Dr J. E. Sheppard, Grand Master Masons, North Carolina, and president Negro State College, responded. The welcome address on behalf of the city was delivered by Mayor Thomas L. Raymond and Arthur A. Schomburg of Brooklyn responded.

The program of the public reception held at Bethany Baptist Church at 8 p. m. was as follows Introduction of Master of Ceremonies P. P. Noble J. H. Tanner by Noble W. R. E. Grisby; welcome address on behalf of M. W United Grand Lodge, State of New Jersey, By G. M. P. K. Martin solo, Saffel M. Huggs, accompanied by John A. Huggs Jr.; welcome address on behalf of fraternal bodies, P. P. Noble William S. Rice; welcome address on behalf of citizens, the Rev. Y. S. Thompson; welcome address on behalf of Daughters of Isis, Daughter Julia Rice; general response by Imperial Potentate Caesar R. Blake Jr.; closing music, "Battle Hymn of the Republic"; benediction, the Rev. B. T. Harvey.

At 12 p. m. a midnight show by troupe of Medina Temple No. 19, New York, under the direction of Noble P. P. Charles L. Thorpe, was held at Dreamland Academy, 58 Beacon street.

Yesterday at 10 a. m. the Imperial Council was called to order for business at Bethany Baptist Church; at 5:30 p. m. the street parade was held, which was reviewed by city officials and grand officers of the Divan; at 9 p. m. a ball and reception in honor of the Imperial Council was held at the armory.

The unfinished business of the Imperial Council was taken up at the session this morning at 10. A sightseeing trip around Newark and vicinity to Port Newark, the proposed airport, was held. At 9 this evening a farewell reception and dance will be given by the Daughters of Isis at Dreamland Academy, 58 Beacon stret.

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Negro Masons Lack Funds For Temple

Appeal Issued by Grand Master for $50 a Year From Every Member

By Lester A. Walton

IN 144th Street, just around the corner from Seventh Avenue, there stands in bold relief the gaunt, unattractive framework of a seven-story building. Though mute, it eloquently and impressively tells a tale full of human interest about a long-cherished dream yet to come true.

For a year this steel skeleton has weathered summer's blazing sun, winter's cold north winds and sleet. April showers and heavy downpours have thoroughly drenched it. Building operations ceased before a roof was put on.

As Negroes pass by, look up and observe the naked, unfinished structure whose framework now imparts a rusty and uninspiring appearance, comment is usually made about the "failure of race co-operation."

In the spring of 1926 the Negro Masons of New York State laid the cornerstone for Prince Hall Masonic Temple. Lodges from out of town took part. There were bands and banners, speaking and singing. "At last the Grand Lodge is going to realize its pet ambition" was the keynote of every address.

Work Rushed on The Foundation

At the time announcement was made that the forty-five Negro Masonic lodges of the State were building a $500,000 temple at Nos. 147-149 West 144th Street as a fitting monument to Prince Hall of Boston, who, in 1784, secured a charter from the Grand Lodge of England to form African Lodge, No. 489, the first Negro Masonic body in America.

Work was rushed on the foundation and framework. Then there was a cessation of activities owing to lack of funds. Months have intervened since mechanics set foot in what has become a desolate and solitary figure among completed buildings.

The original method of raising money for Prince Hall Masonic Temple was by selling to members and public-spirited citizens $100 and $50 bonds. A business office was opened in Harlem. But the response was disappointing. Neither the forty-five lodges of the State nor friends bought enough bonds to warrant immediate completion of the temple.

Following suspension of building operations the Grand Master issued an edict that each member, there being between 4,500 and 5,000, buy a $100 bond yielding 6 per cent. interest on a monthly basis. A year was given in which to pay for it. But there was no noticeable increase in sales. Less than $90,000 worth of bonds have been sold to date.

Not as Easy as Building Churches

Now an appeal has been made asking every one in the order to buy a $50 bond, paying $1 monthly. The result of this plan will determine whether the temple will be completed.

At the election of Grand Officers in June a new administration was voted into office. Daniel T. Teagle was made Grand Master. Others chosen were: Edward T. Sherwood, Deputy Grand Master; Edward Conyers, Senior Grand Warden; Francis F. Giles, Junior Grand Warden; Arthur Handy, Grand Secretary, and Harvey Williams, Grand Treasurer.

In speaking of the difficulty the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New York is encountering in building a home, a prominent official of the order remarked that Negro fraternal bodies were unable to put up costly buildings as easily as Negro churches. He pointed out that the Masons in Chicago are facing a similar situation, work having come to a standstill after laying the foundation.

A partially completed stone structure, started more than five years ago by the Negro Scottish Rite Masons of the Southern District, stands in Washington. Months ago building operations were suspended, due to factionalism.

However, there are notable instances of Negro orders successfully carrying out comprehensive building programs. The most outstanding achievement in recent years was the erection of an elevator building and temple in Birmingham, costing more than $500,000 by the Alabama Masons.

Negro secret societies own property

IS HELPING AFRICA

The Rev. Mark C. Hayford

valued at more than $20,000,000.

The Rev. Mark C. Hayford, a native of the West Coast of Africa, is in the United States to tell of the educational needs of his country. He is engaged in teaching his people a new way of life and bringing them to the best that Christian civilization offers. He is a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society of England and because of his effective work in improving the sanitary conditions of parts of Africa was elected to the Royal Sanitary Institute of London.

NEGRO MASONS

Washington, Nov. 12.—Alpha Lodge, of Newark, N. J., is commonly supposed to be the only regular Masonic lodge with Negro members in the United States that is constituent to a Grand Body which is recognized by all regular Masons of this country, according to the New Age Magazine, the official organ of the Supreme Council 33d degree A. and A. Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, S. J., U. S. A.

According to this authority, in 1870 the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey called attention to an application of colored Masons for recognition and connection with the Grand Lodge. This matter was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Charity. In 1871 this committee made an exhaustive report and, it is stated, the application was rejected. At the same communication of this Grand Lodge nine demitted Masons from the regular lodges in New Jersey, possessed of proper qualifications, received a warrant and were constituted January 27, 1871, under the name and title of Alpha Lodge No. 116.

In the following month the warrant was arrested by the Grand Master upon complaint that it had been obtained by deceit and misrepresentation. In 1872 this action was reported to the Grand Lodge and referred to the Committee on Petitions and Grievances. The Grand Master's action was approved, but at the same time the warrant of Alpha Lodge No. 116 was restored.

Some of the Negroes who made the original application to the Grand Lodge in 1870 for recognition as Masons, were subsequently petitions to and made members of Alpha Lodge, and the lodge has during its existence included Masons of Negro descent in its membership, being at the present time largely, if not altogether, composed of colored men.

Some years ago the Grand Lodge of Mississippi threatened to withdraw, and did withdraw, fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of New Jersey on account of this lodge. After a few years, however, friendly relations were resumed between the two grand bodies. The lodge is still on the roll of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and the 1926 proceedings show that the lodge raised three Masons and lost two, leaving a membership at present of sixty-five. The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey writes that Alpha Lodge is not receiving many new members, and that the members do some visiting and are well received by the lodges in the same district, but outside of that it is a rare thing for them to visit or attempt to visit any other lodges. The lodge has a good reputation and the colored members are especially mindful of the peculiar situation in which they are placed.

In this connection it might be stated that the Grand Lodge of the State of Washington, some years ago, passed a law permitting Negroes to petition for the degrees in that State. This aroused a great deal of protest from the other Grand Lodges in the United States and caused the Grand Lodge of Washington to repeal this law.

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NEGRO MASONS REELECT WOODS

Birmingham Man Named Grand Master; Mayor Reaves Gives Welcome

Walter Thomas Woods, of Birmingham, was re-elected by acclamation grand master of the Alabama colored Masons at the first day's session of their fiftieth annual meeting, which is now being held at the Seventeenth street Baptist church here.

The meeting which opened on Tuesday morning, will close tonight with a big barbecue on the church grounds.

Features of Tuesday's session were calling the roll of the 876 local lodges, representing a membership of 30,000; the fourteenth annual address of Grand Master Woods, occupying three and a half hours in which he reviewed the remarkable history of the order; and the welcome address by Sidney J. Reaves, mayor of Anniston, at the exercises in the evening.

Mayor Reaves state, among other things, that the relation between the blacks and white in Anniston was cordial; that the citizens were glad to welcome the Masons, congratulating the Masons on their remarkable history and their standing in the state and the safe and sound leadership of Grand Master Woods, urging upon members of the order and race in general to emulate the examples of the Nazarene who laid down his life for the redemption of the world.

Mayor Reaves spoke to about 1,200 delegates, including representatives of the state chapter of Eastern Star and leading colored citizens of the city.

Responding to Mayor Reaves' address, Dr. E. T. Belsaw, of Mobile, stated that the spirit of Mayor Reaves and the white citizens of Anniston as reflected by his address indicated the solution of the race problem and the only method to stop the exodus of negroes from the South. Dr. Belsaw declared that the negroes were not seeking social equality but like other races were asking for fair play and a man's place under the sun.

The welcome on behalf of the church was made by the pastor, Rev. P. Joseph Watkins, and for the colored Masonic lodges of the city by E. W. Rhodes. Responses were made by Prof. T. H. Randall, of Montgomery, and Oscar W. Adams of Birmingham, editor of The Birmingham Reporter.

The trained choir of the church delighted the audience with a number of choice selections. The auditorium and the Sunday school annex were packed and standing room was at a premium.

In his fourteenth annual address, Grand Master Woods, reviewing the history of the colored Masons in Alabama, said in substance:

"You represent the largest body of fraternal orders of negroes in Alabama; you lead all others in money, education, character and business management; you represent a million dollar organization; you have something to be proud of. Masonry represents the salt of the earth.

"The reports of grand lodge officers show among other things that ten years ago the grand lodge was more than $90,000 in debt. Now the order is more than $800,000 to the good, with a fire-proof temple in Birmingham which cost more than $750,000, owned and controlled by 876 lodges with an aggregate membership of 30,000 not including the Eastern Star with 500 chapters and some 10,000 members. Forty new lodges were set up during the year."

It was following his address, which was frequently interrupted by applause, that a motion prevailed to elect him by acclamation.

Addresses were also made by Dr. G. W. Mitchell, grand chaplain, Dr. James A. Bra[illegible], deputy grand master, J. P. Phillips, and others.

Today's session opened promptly at 9 a. m., with Rev. Burton leading in prayer. The morning session was devoted to reports from officers.

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National Grand Lodge of United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of Mysterious Ten.

NATIONAL GRAND LODGE

UNITED BROTHERS OF FRIENDSHIP IN TRIENNIAL SESSION HERE

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—The National Grand Lodge of United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of Mysterious Ten, opened the 20th triennial session in this city tuesday. The brothers are holding meetings in the new U. B. F. Hall on Lawton Avenue. The meetings of the Sisters are being held in the Peoples Finance buildings.

The places of meetings were dedicated Tuesday morning. In the afternoon the lodges and temples in joint session received the reports of the officers. The reports of National Grand Master, W. F. Bledsoe, of Texas, and National Grand Secretary, H. C. Russell of Kentucky, showed great progress of the Order in the past two years.

Delegates from nearly every state in the union are attending these sessions which continue thru the week and terminate in Gala Day Parade an exercises Friday, headed by the uniform men from many states and band from Kentucky and elsewhere.

The United Brothers of Friendship is the oldest Fraternal order of th race in the world, having been founded in Louisville, Ky., in 1861. It has had a continuous existence since thta time and now has lodges in practically every state of the Union where there is Negro population, and a National Grand Lodge in the city of Liberia, Africa. The Sisters of the Mysterious Ten, the women's branch of the Order dates its existence to the year 1876. It is probably the largest Colored women's organization in the United States and owns much valuable property. Among the prominent men and women who are attending the convention are Prof. W. F. Bledsoe, J. W. Jameson, H. McGruder of Texas, Prof. W. H. Humphrey, G. W. Saffell, W. J. Callery, H. C. Russell, Wm. H. Leonard, E. W. Glass, B. Duncan, Henry Allen, Lakyer Nelson Willis, Dr. C. P. M. Bigbee, Mrs. Nellie M. Haggard, Mrs. Ella B. Brown, Mrs. R. A. Watkins, Mrs. Nannie Fields, Mrs. Bessie Allen, Mrs. L. T. Evans of Kentucky, Rev. R. Gray form Alabama, Prof. W. T. Daniels, Arkansas, Hon. Scott A. Lewis and John G. Lewis, Jr., La., Mrs. L. M. Shores, Calif., Mr. R. M. Turner, Mr. E. V. Cammel, Colo., Mrs. Nannie Jackson, Mrs. Lettie Coke, Colo., Dr. W. E. Brown, Hon. W. A. Gaines, Gen. Wilkens, Gen. Henry R. Ferguson of Indiana, Rev. S. W. Jameson, J. B. Street, Major R. A. By d, Mrs. Edmonia A. Watkins, who is the head of the women's division of the Order, Dr. Frank O. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Bruce, Rev. Geo. McNeal, Hon. Duke Diggs, Dr. J. T. Caston, Prof J. C. Williams, Mrs. L. Leota Caston, and many others of Missouri, A. S. Barnett, Minn., S. R. Lee, Mich., and a company of women Military Auxiliary from Detroit, Mich., Prof. J. F. Fort, J. S. Young, M. Delancey, Okla., Hon J. P. Jetton, Lawyer, W. S. Ricks, heading a large delegation from Ohio, I. L. Dismmukes and Mrs. Dismukes, leading the Pennsylvania delegation, Rev. J. S. Dixon of Tnnessee.

The Order has assets in its insurance department in various states and real estate investment and elimosinary institutions running into th millons of dollars. According to W. F. Bledsoe, the national head, the Order plans a great expansion during the next few years both in members and in its financial assets. Marshall W. Taylor was the founder of the Order.

The Kentucky delegation, with headquarters at the office of Jno. W. Hayes, on Lawton avenue, had a very busy week. H. S. Russell, National Grand Secretary, found very small time for leisure, but was able tohandle nicely the large volume of business, through a well equipped office and competent force. W. H. Humphrey, Chairman of National Finance Committee, together with being head of the Kentucky delegation was ever on the go. These two men are truly National characters. Others who rendered notable services and whose advice was continually sought, were: N. M. Willis, Henry Allen, and E. W. Glass, delegates at large; W. H. Leonard, A. Merritt, W. J. Callery, Chairman, National Trustee Board.

Kentucky was represented by 150 members of the Order from Louisville and other points. **The state delegation carried with it the Booker T. Washington Community Center Band, which has made a great impression on all St. Louis through public concerts given each evening. Mr. W. H. Brooks is directing the band. Mr. Henry Allen is chairman of the band Committee. One of the features of the convention was a lecture Thursday by Dr. Sutton E. Griggs, Author, Philosopher, Historian.**

The convention closed Friday with a competitive drill, exhibition of uniform ranks and installation of National Grand Officers. It goes down in the history of the Order as one of great harmony and a most encouraging outlook for the future.

All officers were re-instated by acclimation.

NATIONAL GRAND LODGE IS VERY SUCCESSFUL

Special to The Informer.

The national grand lodge of the United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of Mysterious Ten of the World, recently held in the city of St. Louis, was the greatest session in all the history of the order. Hon. W. F. Bledsoe, grand master of the jurisdiction of Texas, is the national grand master of the national grand lodge, and it was under his leadership that the last national grand lodge made such a wonderful showing. Delegates from the different state jurisdictions assembled in St. Louis, and they were men and women of the highest type, in character and intelligence. Prof. H. C. Russell, Louisville, Kentucky, a successful educator and a prominent business man, is the national grand secretary and seconded the efforts of Grand Master Bledsoe to put the U. B. F. & S. M. T. where they belong.

The meeting assembled in the new U. B. F. Temple, and in the Finance Corporation building. To see the respective delegations, to meet the men who controlled the destiny of the order in the different states and to get in touch with the people whose hearts are filled with the faith of the order from the different states, is truly a privilege that is highly enjoyed.

By virtue of his long service as the head of the Texas jurisdiction; by virtue of his extraordinary ability and exclusive attention to the work of the U. B. F. in Texas, Mr. Bledsoe is the dean of the grand masters of the states and stands preeminently above them all. In delivering his annual address he was never in better form and fettle. Those great race building ideas of his were presented with unusual power and eloquence and the grand lodge was charmed with his program for racial development. Mr. Bledsoe was unanimously elected to succeed himself as national grand master and all the other members of the administration were returned to their offices. Hon. J. W. Jamison, Texarkana, is a member the finance committee.

The national grand temple, at the head of which was Mrs. Edmonia Watkins of Illinois, was perhaps the largest of its history. She was succeeded by Mrs. Leota Caston, as national grand princess. Miss C. E. Skull, Galveston, brings the office of national vice-grand princess to Texas.

The national grand camp of the Knights of Friendship held an interesting session. Prof. C. H. McGruder, grand secretary, and Dr. G. S. Connor, grand treasurer of the jurisdiction of Texas, were made Knights of Friendship, and were commissioned as organizers of Knights of Friendship with the consent and co-operation of the grand master of the Texas jurisdiction.

The school of insurance opened by the grand master, was something new. In this the grand masters of the different jurisdictions presented their insurance problems and their solutions for same. Grand Master Bledsoe called Grand Secretary McGruder to speak for the Texas jurisdiction The other jurisdictions were very interested and much enlightened by the method used by Texas jurisdiction in the insurance field, as presented by Grand Secretary McGruder.

It can be said that the last national grand lodge will stand out as one of the most constructive, and as having the most serious purpose of any of the meetings so far held. The report of Prof. H. C. Russell, national grand secretary, showed the great gain in financial strength and liquidation of old claims, and the great interest of the people of Africa in the order, at the head of which is the president of Liberia.

Texas was represented in the national grand lodge by about sixty or more men and women from different parts of the state. A part of the U. B. F. band of Houston, and a part of the band from Marshall were united under the direction of Prof. Haywood, and this aggregation, both by its music and by its personnel, made itself famous in St. Louis and became a favorite among the delegates. The U. B. F. band from Kentucky was also well received. The national grand lodge adjourned to meet next in of Louisville, where it was organized in 1861. There it is hoped to erect a monument to Marshall W. Taylor.

U. B. F. ELECTS OFFICERS

SEDALIA, Aug. 22.—The Fifty Seventh Annual Session of the United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of Mysterious Ten of Missouri closed here last week after a very interesting meeting.

At the close of the business sessions, the following officers were elected:

Grand Master, Duke Diggs; Deputy Grand Master, J. B. Bolden; Grand Secretary, C. J. Williams; Asst. Grand Secretary, H. H. Williams; Grand Treasurer, C. W Black; Medical Register, Dr. D. W Gooden; Chaplain, Rev. A. R. Brent; Senior Marshal, A. H. Dickson; Junior Marshal, S. H. Lampkins; Right Support, Robert Davis; Left Supporter, Mason Hall; Inside Sentinel, E. H. Reynolds; Outside Sentinel, R. A. Moten; Sword Bearer W. W. Turk; First Member Board of Management, O. F. Nelson; Fourth Member, J. W. Hurse; Trustees: First Member, Charles Spencer; Second Member, Carlos Evans; Third Member, William Burton. Next place of meeting: Lexington, Mo.

LOUISVILLE TO HAVE ANOTHER NATIONAL MEET

TO BE HELD JULY 1930

At the national meeting of the United Brothers of Friendship and sisters of the Mysterious Ten, adjourned in July in St. Louis, Missouri to hold its next National Grand Lodge Meeting in Louisville, July 1930.

The U. B. F.'s and S. M. T.'s is the world and being the international in its jurisdiction, extending as far and into the African Coast. It is expevted that not less than 10,000 delegates and visitors will be brought to the city; the personnel of which will represent the most distinguished and noteworthy c0itizens of our race.

Mr. W. F. Bledsoe, of Houston Texas, National Grand Master.

The headquarters of the National Grand Secretary, Prof. H. C. Russell, is established in Louisville, Ky.

General Wilkes, of Indianapolis, is at the head of the National Uniform Department.

Mrs. Leota Caston, of St. Louis Mo., is the National Grand Princess will preside over the Women's Department of the order.

Prof. W. H. Humphrey, of Maysville, Ky., is the State Grand Master of the order and is largely responsibe for bringing the National meeting to Kentucky.

The officers of the Women's Department of Kentucky are Mrs. Nellie M. Haggard, State Grand Princess, Winchester, Ky.; Miss E. B. Brown, State Grand Secretary, Covington, Kentucky.

MR. HENRY ALLEN, who was appointed to head the state and local committee to arrange for National meeting of U. B. F. and S. M. T. Here in 1930.

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NEGROES OPEN GRAND LODGE.

SEDALIA, MO., Aug. 16.—(Special)—Several hundred Negroes from Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota are here attending the grand lodge of the United Brothers of Friendship and the Sisters of the Mysterious Ten and the Grand Royal House. C. C. Hubbard of Sedalia, acting as master of ceremonies, opened the session last night in the Ward memorial Baptist church, when the session of the Grand Royal House was completed.

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Odd Fellows.

Scoop With Cuts Of GUOOF Staff

Despite the fact that the full election of the grand lodge officers of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows was not held in San Antonio until last Thursday, The Informer, which went to press late Thursday evening, carried the likeness of every officer elected during the biennial election conducted on Thursday forenoon and early afternoon.

Moreover, when the Friday morning session opened several hundred copies of The Informer were at the convention hall in San Antonio, where the annual grand sessions were being held.

In inserting these cuts of the grand lodge officers and carrying a well-nigh full and complete report of the doings of the grand lodge body. The Informer put over a scoop on all the race newspapers published in Texas, even the race publication published in the city which was host to the grand lodge.

This scoop merely demonstrates again that The Informer heads the field as a real newspaper, and that every energy and effort is always put forth in order to give our readers the news while it is news.

This journalistic accomplishment on the part of The Informer was commended by Grand Master G. W. Jackson of the Odd Fellows, and other members of the official staff, as well as hundreds of the delegates who purchased several hundred copies of last week's issue.

ODD FELLOWS IN CAN.

NEW ENGLAND GRAND LODGE HOLDS 46TH ANNUAL IN MONTREAL, ALSO GRAND HOUSEHOLD—A. T. CAMPBELL ELECTED D.G.M. — LILLIAN HIGGINS HEADS HOUSEHOLDS — BIG MEETINGS

Tuesday, Aug. 2nd, the officers, delegates, life members and other friends left North Station, Boston, Mass., at 12.30 p. m., to attend the Forty-sixth Annual Convention of District Grand Lodge 26, and District Grand Household of Ruth 5, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows which was held in Montreal, Canada, under the auspices of Maple Leaf Lodge 10250, and its auxiliary Household of Ruth 6002, of that city. The party from Boston arrived in Montreal at 9.55 Tuesday evening and was met at the station by a committee from Maple Leaf Lodge and Household of Ruth and taken in taxis t oheadquaters, where rooms were assigned to all.

At 10.30 a. m. Wednesday the convention was called to order in Victoria hall, where an address of welcome was delivered by Alderman Rudiford on behalf of the city. This was responded to by Past District Grand Master C. S. Winter. At this time addresses were also made by Sister Ophelia C. Smith, PDGMNG, and Sister Sarah V. Bright, PDGMNG, of the district grand Household of Ruth. At the close of this session the two branches each went into executive session in their respective meeting places.

At the district grand lodge meeting District Grand Master Dudley M. Thompson submitted his annual report which was immediately referred to the committee on grand master's address. The annual report of the district grand secretary and that of the district grand treasurer were submitted and referred to the proper committees for consideration.

Election of Officers

The election of officers resulted in the choice of Bros. Archie T. Campbell, district grand master Ulysses G. Hardy of 905, Malden, district deputy grand master; Stillman A. Tasco, 1384 Boston, district grand secretary; F. Clarence Artis, 8612, Boston, district grand treasurer; William J. Cooper, 1372, Worcester, district grand director, William C. Jackson, 1549, Springfield, DGLC; Ernest J. O'Banyoune, 10361, of Cambridge, Lee G. Hill, 814, of Boston, and William H. Tyler, 1506, of Lynn, district grand auditors. The convention voted unanimously to appropriate $40.00 as a donation to aid in meeting large expense naturally incurred in entertaining the two conventions.

On Thursday evening there was a reception to the delegates and officers of the district grand lodge and household, at which Bro. H. A. Dean Thwaites was the presiding officer. Adresses were made by Sister G. Potter, PMNG, of Maple Leaf Household of Ruth 6002, of Montreal, and by Sister Eva Jones, PMNG, of the same Household each of whom expressed the appreciation of the honor conferred by the district grand lodge and district grand Household of Ruth, in holding the conventions in the Canadian city this year, remarks were also made by Sister Lillian Higgins, DGMNG-elect; Bro. Archie T. Campbell, DGM-elect; Bros. James H. Higgins, PDGM, and George C. Gordon, PDGM, of Springfield; Stillman A. Tasco, DGS, of Boston; Eugene A. Lomax, PDGM, of West Newton; C. S. Winter, PDGM, of Boston; J. Robert Mahoney, PDGM, of Bangor, Me.; Sister Susie E. Jones, PMNG, of Boston, and John H. Roberts, PGM, of Attleboro.

The delegation left Montreal for its return trip and arrived in Boston at 10.05 Friday afternoon after a most delightful visit to the lodge and Household of Ruth at Montreal. It was voted to leave the choice of place of holding the next district grand lodge.

Grand Household Session

District Grand Household of Ruth No. 5 held its annual convention in the latter city Wednesday, Aug. 3rd, under the auspices Maple Leaf Household of Ruth 6002, G.U.O. of O.F. of that city. The meeting was called to order at 10.30 a. m. by Sister Ophelia C. Smith of Brockton, Mass., district grand most noble governor. The other convention officers were Sisters Lillian Higgins, RNG; Ella Thompson, DGWR; Georgie E. Weeks, DGT; Isadore Tucker, DGD; Ethel Browne, DGO: Alice Calloway, PMNG, Annette Jackson, WR, Edith Greenidge, WU, Ethel Gaspard, WC, Sybil Marie, WS, R & L S & J Stewards; Carrie A. P. Brown, PNGWU, NG. After prayer by the worthy prelate the presiding officer announced the appointment of the following committee on credentials:—Sisters Sarah V. Bright, PDGMNG, 1088, of Malden; Carrie Walton, PM NG, 4585, of Boston; Caroline Holmes, PMNG, 501, of Newport. This was followed by the appointment of the other convention committes as follows finance committee, sisters Priscilla Reynolds, PMNG, 131, Boston; Gertrude Potter, PMNG, 6002, Montreal, Henrietta Banks, PMNG, 6604, Somerville.

Committee on recommendations:—Sisters Blanche Cooper, PMNG, 27, of Worcester; Mabel Whaling, PMNG, 68 of Springfield; Anna P. Lewis, PM NG, 43, of Providence; Fraternal greetings:—Sisters Sarah V. Bright, PDGMNG; Carrie A. P. Brown, PM NGWU, and Isadore Tucker, PDGD. Committee on condolences:—Sisters Ethel Browne, PMNG, 5152; Blanche Cooper, PMNG, 27, and Barbara Nelson, PMNG, 4585. Committee on rules:— Sisters Susie E. Jones, PM NG, 2607; Anna Lewis, PMNG, 43, and Winnifred Rawlins, PMNG, 105. Committee on statistics, Sisters Barbara Nelson, PMNG, 5152, Carrie Walton, PMNG, 4585; Winnefred Rawlins, PM NG, 105. Committee on grievances:—Sisters Josephine Long, PMNG, 4934; Geraldine Johnson, PMNG, 131, Alexina Davis, PMNG, 5097. Committees on resolutions, Sisters Edythe Stewart, PMNG, 66; Carrie Holmes, PM NG, 501, and Mary Crawley, PMNG, 4762.

The District Grand Most Noble Governor delivered her annual address. It was an interesting document and contained much food for thought. It was referred to a committee consisting of sisters Sarah V. Bright, PDGMG, Jessie Williams, PMNG, 4512, and Susie E. Jones, PMNG, 2607, for consideration. Sisters Sarah V. Bright, PDGMNG, and Lulu B. Tunnell, PDGMNG, were appointed a committee on exemplification of the ritualistic work.

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NEGRO ODD FELLOWS IN ANNUAL MEETING

Second Day of Four Days Convention Given Largely to Business and Annual Address. Many Attending.

The officers and delegates to the 37th annual grand lodge of the G. U. O. of O. F. and Household of Ruth, colored, jurisdiction of Georgia, began the second day of the four-days sessions they are holding here, Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock when Grand Master Graves, of Atlanta, called the Odd Fellows to order at the Sconiers auditorium and the Most Noble Grand Governor I I. Jones, called the women of the Household of Ruth into business sessions at the First African Baptist church.

Other grand lodge officers and leaders of the order present included: W. E. Davis, D. D. G. M.; W. H. Chivers, D. G. S.; Morgan Williams, D. G. T.; W. A. Collier, D. G. M.; Dr. J. C. Collier, D. M. E.; Col. P. A. Allen, Dr. H. E. Nash, S. S. Humbert, Editor E. L. Collier, J. T. Hill.

The morning session of the Odd Fellows was featured by the annual address of Grand Master Graves, who reviewed the progress the order has made since the last grand lodge, assuring the members of the order that rapid strides had been made in the rehabilitation of the order and restoring to the order the prestige of its former days. That the order in Georgia was on the safest of financial basis was assured the grand lodge in the grand master's annual address.

Committees were named as follows:

Credential committee—W. H. Shivers, S. C. Smith, Gus Hayes, Fred C. Johnson, R. R. McCrary.

Committee on fraternal duties—G. W. Taylor, N. J. Lee, M. J. Stimson, W. E. Grier, A. P. Brown, A L. Felton, J. T. Hill.

Auditing committee—G. B. Jones Dr. H. E. Nash, Jno. Porter.,

Committee on endowment— Col P. A. Allen, E. L. Collier, G. W Owens, W. W. Lyons, J. A. Coles Morris Seagrow, J. M. Smith.

Committee on Grand master's address—Prof. S. S. Humbert, J. D Moseley, W. M. Parks, Jno. Robinson. McKee..

ained for tennis glories from he cradle. Stuart Nuthall and hi wife trained Betty, and they wer both good tennis players from ten nis playing families.

The child made her first appear ance in regular tennis when sh was nine years old. She was en tered in the Surrey junior cham pionships, almost being rejecte because of her tender years by th officials.

But Betty got in because of he parents and proceeded to beat he opponent—twice her height an many times older!

Betty progressed from then on When her father moved to Rich mond he had a hard court built i his spacious gardens where sh could practice day and night. S that schooling would not interfer with her tennis, he brought th school to her by hiring an in structress. Her opponents wer well-known players who visite her parents.

In 1924 she made a clean swee of the junior championships of th United Kingdom, winning in sin gles, doubles and mixed.

Just as her father was on the point of taking her to the Riviera to play, he died. Later, however her mother took her to southern France and there she played with the great Henri Cochet and won the mixed doubles at Beaulieu.

Ever since then she has played steadily in women's contests in England and has given a good ac-

Patriarchs Meet In Greensboro

Greensboro, N. C., Sept. 21— The opening of the nineteenth session of the Eleventh Patriarchy Regiment of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows was opened by Colonel James Timlic, assisted by Adjutant Scales and staff.

The meeting was held in the chapel of Bennett College. The opening services were very inspiring. Devotionals were led by the regiment chaplain, Rev. R. J. Greene. Independent

Colonel Timlic in his pleasing manner welcomed the members present and expressed his delight in seeing so many at the opening. Mrs. G. A. Gerran was asked to serve as a reporter to the Odd Fellows Journal and other colored papers. 9-22-27

The proceedings of the convocation committees were appointed to serve during the convocation for the different departments. The morning session closed.

Atlanta, Ga.

The afternoon session was opened by the regiment chaplain. The president of the Daughters of Brigade, Mrs. L. C. Spencer, made her annual address. Her address was full of inspiration. As we sat and listened to her well prepared message we could but exclaim did not our hearts burn while she spoke to us on unity?

Major J. J. Jones presented

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PHI BETA KAPPA

Miss Mae Tyson Wright, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William H. Wright of this city, recently has been elected to the Delta Chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa in Massachusetts at Tufts College. Miss Wright is the first Douglass High School graduate to receive this honor and is now a teacher there.

New York Lad Wins Phi Beta Kappa Key

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Alexander F. Miller, 380 Classon avenue, a Bachelor of Arts in the class of June 1927, City College, has been notified of election to the college chapter of Phi Beta Kappa by Arthur Dickson, secretary.

Mr. Miller is originally from the South, but has lived for many years in Brooklyn with his widowed mother. He worked his way through college, being employed in the offices of the Anaconda Copper Co., during his course. He also found time to aid in work at the Carlton "Y", and is secretary of the Sterling Forest Farms Corporation.

In college Mr. Miller, who is now just 28 years of age, specialized in Latin and English literature. He plans a teaching career.

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The following were the officers elected by the organization: Dr. R. B. Jackson, president; Dr. D. H. Turpin, vice-president; Earl Windell, secretary; the Rev. Dr. J. T. Brown, treasurer; the Rev. W. Spencer Carpenter, chaplain; Dr. W. E. Parmele, parliamentarian; Dr. T. L. Meadors, sergeant-at-arms; and Dr. E. B. Jefferson, chairman of the executive committee.

DELTA SORORITY BANS GUESTS AT PROM

BY A. MELVIN TOWNSEND, JR.
(Editorial Columnist Chicago Evening Bulletin)

The Beta Sigma Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority cut the last thread on last evening when upon the occasion of the annual prom in honor of the grand chapter in session here many invited guests were insulted, embarrassed, chagrined, rebuked, and literally ousted from the formal dance sponsored by the local sorors. The persecuted guests received no redress upon appealing to the local president.

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Washington D.C.

It is an art to properly entertain guests. It is no easy task to prepare and properly arrange for a visiting delegation. And take, it from the writer, those Delta girls have a lot to learn—for the social courtesies usually extended by similar organizations have for the most part been thrown to the winds.

What Its All About—Facts in the Case

Let's put it in plain words. The local chapter untutored, inexperienced, and without the cooperation and guiding hand of the more sober elements in close proximity did not know how to provide escorts for their visiting delegates. Being on cuts with both the Kappa and Omega fraternities because of the smouldering embers angrily rekindled by certain puppy politics participated in by individual members of the various organizations with reference to offices on the Hilltop staff and the student council, the supply of escorts failed to meet the demand.

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The hatred was further stirred by a deliberate refusal to exchange the usual seasonal greetings and by sending another fraternity a blanket invitation while the fraternities above referred to, together with the Chi Delta Mu, were sent only one invitation for their individual presidents. The childish excuse rendered for this breach of social courtesy was that the favored fraternity had given the visiting convention a free "buggy" ride, I mean buss ride. The fact that the Kappa and Omega fraternities staged a basketball game, with dancing before and after the game, in honor of the sorors, was ignored and not appreciated, despite the fact that the Deltas were given one hundred free complimentary tickets at a loss of $75 to the promoters.

Now just to show their appreciation the Deltas invited the presidents of the local chapters of these fraternities, and without so specifying on the invitation or admittance cards, insulted said prexys and their lady friends by denying them admittance, further rebuking them, and sending them away togged in evening clothes, all because they brought an escort of their choice rather than a visiting Delta soror.

Oh, well, we had a good taxi ride and the pleasure of seeing tears of shame and regrets trickle down the dainty but modest cheeks of a few of "Washington's Best."

It is claimed that the feeling engendered last evening will have far reaching effects in college circles.

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School Fraternities.

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ATLANTA, GA.

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NEGROES TO CONDUCT EDUCATIONAL DRIVE

The eighth annual "go-to-high school and college" campaign sponsored by the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, one of the largest negro college societies in the country, will be launched May 1 in an effort to spread the gospel of higher education among the negro youth of the country.

The campaign, which is to last from May 1-7, will have the support of more than 70 chapters of the fraternity scattered in every section of the United States, members of which will be engaged in a crusade against ignorance, it was announced.

Half a hundred state campaign managers have been appointed and each will work out an active organization among the chapters under his direction. Thousands of negroes each year have been won over to the cause of education through the work of the fraternity, while plans are being pushed to make this year's campaign the most successful in its history.

In every city where chapters are located meetings will be held during the first week in May with prospective students and their parents; literature is to be distributed and wherever possible messages will be broadcast by radio.

Joseph Evans, of Atlanta, is in charge of arrangements for local observance of the week.

SIGMAS CLOSE BUSINESS DRIVE

The Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity will conclude its annual campaign for BIGGER and BETTER NEGRO BUSINESS WEEK, Sunday, April 24, 4:30 P. M., at Big Bethel A. M. E. Church. Dr. George W. Carver, chemical research department of Tuskegee Institute, a man who has gained unique distinction in the field of industrial chemistry, will make the principal address.

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It will be recalled that some three years ago, Dr. Carver spent more than a week in the city exhibiting and demonstrating in spacious quarters, of a most exclusive uptown office building, products and by-products of the sweet potato, peanut and fine paints and varnishes produced from clay.

The fraternity behind the movement is fortunate to have affiliated with it the support of the Atlanta Negro Business League in creating a deeper race consciousness of self-help and self-dependency by encouraging Negroes to support more largely race businesses and institutions. It is believed that such a spirit would make for thrift, honesty, pride and better citizenship.

The program committee has been busy—early and late—to give the people a splendid program of singing, music and speeches on Sunday afternoon. All Atlanta should witness this program for BIGGER and BETTER NEGRO BUSINESS, Big Bethel A. M. E. Church, Sunday, 4:30 P. M.

KAPPAS CLOSE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL GRAND CONCLAVE

Washington, D. C., Jan. 7.—The 16th annual grand chapter meeting of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity came to a close last Thursday night with a closed "prom" at the Murray Palace casino.

Prior to the adjournment of the business sessions, officers were elected for the ensuing year and Detroit, Mich., was chosen as the next meeting place.

The officers elected were Earl B. Dickerson, Chicago, Ill. grand polemarch; Leon A. Ransom, Columbus, Ohio, senior grand vice polemarch; William Warfield, Jr., Washington, D. C., junior vice grand poremach; J. E. Wilkins, Chicago, Ill., grand keeper of records and exchequer; T. L. Curry, Morehouse college, Atlanta, Ga., grand strategus; G. Moore, Iowa City, Iowa, grand lieutenant strategus, and George F. David, Wilberforce, Ohio, grand historian.

The board of directors consist of A. A. Alexander, Des Moines, Iowa; William F. Savoy, Institute, W. Va.; Harcourt A. Tynes, New York city, and R. R. Bailey, Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. Dickerson and Mr. Wilkins are ex-officio members.

Lionel F. Artis, Indianapolis, Ind., was re-elected editor-in-chief of the Kappa Alpha Psi Journal.

The fraternity will award two scolarships. One of $200 will be given to a member who shall locate at Cornell, or the University of Michigan, or Ames Agricultural college. The second award of $150 will be given to a non-member of the fraternity who shall attend any school under conditions set out by the scholarship commission. Both of these awards will be made by the scholarship commission of the fraternity prior to September, 1927.

PHI BETA SIGMA FRAT CLOSES THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

Greensboro, N. C.,
Dec. 28, 1926.

Special To The Birmingham Reporter

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity has just closed its thirteenth annual conclave at A. and T. College, Greensboro, N. C., with Etta and Gamma Beta Sigma chapters hosts. Forty-five chapters were represented either by delegate or by members. This was by far the largest meeting of its kind ever held by this fraternity. Scores of prominent Sigmas men, in addition to the large number of delegates, were in attendance.

The program was begun Sunday. The annual sermon was preached by of the A. M. E. Zion Church. Welcome addresses were delivered on behalf of the citizens of Greensboro, by Mr. M. E. Patterson, Attorney General W. Mitchell, Prof. J. A. Grimes, vice-president A. and T. College, and Mayor Jeffries. Response was made by the general president.

Reports Show Progress

Business sessions opened Monday morning, Dec. 27. The registration of delegates were begun. Reports from the general officers were made, showing tremendous progress for the year. Chapters reported $10,554.92 had been raised since the last convention. Five new chapters have been established. The membership has increased from 1,200 to 1,800. Several Sigma homes have been bought. Other homes have been opened. Remarkable progress was shown along all lines. On Monday afternoon Prof. Charles Williams, Jr., of Howard University, delivered an address on the study of German. The reports on bigger and better business week showed that substantial work is being done to encourage business among the Negroes of the country. Tuesday afternoon Dr. Alain Locke, of Washington, D. C., addressed the convention in his usual philosophical and interesting way.

Will Investigate Conditions in Haiti

The convention, at the suggestion of the general president, took notice of the conditions alleged to exist in Haiti and in the Virgin Isles. At his suggestion, the fraternity appointed a commission composed of three men to investigate conditions in Haiti and the Virgin Islands and to report same. Funds for this purpose are being raised by the general fraternity and large contributions are being made by members of the commission appointed. The next session of the convention will be held in St. Louis, Mo. The entertainment of the convention by the chapters in Greensboro and by A. and T. College was of such nature as to create in the delegates a desire to return at the earliest possible time.

A. K. A. Head To Visit Chapters

CLEVELAND, O., Apr. 28.—To actually see what the college bred woman is contributing to her community Mrs. Pauline Sims-Puryear, Supreme Basileus of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, is making a tour of the country, where there are large chapters of the Greek letter organization. The itinerary will include visits to chapters located at Boston, Mass., Providence, R. I., New York City, Wilmington, Del., Philadelphia, Pa., Baltimore, Md., Washington, D. C. and Bricks, N. C. It is the desire of the Basileus to also make a trip South and visit the chapters located at the following cities: Winston-Salem, N. C., Atlanta, Ga., Birmingham, Ala., Talladega, Ala., Tuskegee Institute, Ala., Nashville, Tenn. and Chattanooga, Tenn.

Mrs. Pauline Sims-Puryear

"Carry On" for a finer and nobler womanhood is the appeal the Supreme Basileus is making.

"The telling effects of Alpha Kappa Alpha must be felt within and without. The influence of the sorority must penetrate the narrow confines of the organization, and must show itself in helpful endeavor beyond itself, according to Mrs. Puryear.

W. E. Griffin, L. H. S. Instructor, Initiated Into Psychology Frat

LAWRENCE, Kas.—William E. Griffin, summer school student, and instructor in mathematics and psychology at Lincoln high school, Kansas City, Mo., was initiated to Beta Chi Sigma, national honorary psychology fraternity, Thursday, July 7. Mr. Griffin, who has attended summer school here since 1925, working on his masters degree, was invited to join the fraternity—the invitation being extended for profound study and research. Mr. Griffin's election is the second one among Negroes at Kansas university. Anthony Hill, a colored student of St. Joseph, Mo., was elected to the society this spring.

Zeta Phi Beta Holds Regional Confab

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 5.—At the annual conclave of the Zeta Phi Beta sorority which met in Chicago, December, 1926, the national officers planned to hold regional conferences during each year. The first regional conference for this year was held in Washington, D. C., June 19th-21st at which time the following national officers were present: Mrs. Ruth T. Scruggs, national president, of Buffalo, N. Y.; Dr. R. Edythe Green, first national vice-president, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Lucille Wilson, national treasurer, of Washington, D. C.; Miss Sarah G. Fields, national marshal, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. Alice D. Cary, honorary member, Atlanta, Ga.; and Miss Arizona Cleaver, founder of the sorority, of Hannibal, Mo.

The conference formally convened on Sunday, June 19, at 8:00 p. m., in the Rose Room of the Y. W. C. A. At this time the national president, Mrs. Scruggs, delivered a wonderful address in which she emphasized the valuable service that sorority women may render in the home, school, church and community.

The business sessions were held on Monday and Tuesday, June 20th and 21st at 10:00 a. m., at the Zeta Phi Beta sorority house, 601 Howard Place, northwest.

As Zeta Phi Beta is the first sorority to sponsor the "Finer Womanhood" movement it was with pride and enthusiasm that the members planned a big universal celebration of "Finer Womanhood Week" for this coming February, which will mark the seventh annual celebration of this event.

Plans were also perfected for the 1927 conclave to be held in Richmond, Va. The National President reported that since Christmas two new chapters for Zeta have been organized at Wilberforce and in Raleigh, N. C., respectively.

On Monday evening, June 20, the visiting sorors were entertained by the Alpha and Beta Zeta chapters at the residence of Miss Beatrice Catlett, 943 S street, northwest. Tokens of esteem were presented to each visitor. At this time mention was made of the activities of some of the members as follows: Mrs. Anne Malone, a national honorary member, donated $10,000 to the Howard University Medical School Fund. Miss Charlotte Corbin graduated from Howard University June, 1927, with the degree of A. B. in education, magna cum laude. Miss Mary Price also graduated with the degree of A. B. in education, Cum Laude. Miss Price won an $800 fellowship to the University of Cincinnati. Both Miss Corbin and Miss Price are members of Alpha Chapter.

As a result of this conference, those present were greatly inspired to continue the program of Zeta namely—scholarship, service, and "Finer Womanhood."

Members of Alpha Chapter present Grace L. Collins, Violet Harris, Mary Price, F. Louise Madella, Edith Ford Owen, Julia Blaylock, Alice R. Barry and Charlotte Corbin.

Members of Beta Zeta chapter present Georgia S. Johnson, president; Lucy Kidrick, Justine Maloney, Susie R. Quander, Emma L. Askew, Beatrice Catlett, Mary L. Mason, Isabel M. Walker, Josephine Muse, Naomi V. Johnson and Mary H. Plummer.

Omega Psi Phi Offers Prizes

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6.—Announcement has been made by Attorney Walter H. Mazyck in charge of the Administrative Offices of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, which is one of the largest collegiate Greek letter societies, having seventy-seven charters located throughout the United States and Canada, that in connection with its observance of Negro Achievement week from November 14 to 20 inclusive, several cash prizes will be offered to the successful entrants in a National Examination or test of Knowledge of Negro History. The examination will be conducted on similar lines as last year when students of the University of Cincinnati won all of the prizes. It is believed that this was due largely to the fact that the University of Cincinnati offers a course in the study of Negro life and history and the results of the last examination serves to emphasize the need for such courses in other institutions of learning.

Phi Beta Sigmas Meet In St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 22.—Phi Beta Sigma fraternity will hold its Annual Conclave with Kappa Sigma chapter, St. Louis, Mo., December 25-29th. This fraternity has fifty graduate and under-graduate chapters representing most of the large colleges where colored students are in attendance. Its program for the year 1927 has been especially interesting. Interest in building up bigger and better Negro business through the celebration of Bigger and Better Business Week, has been felt throughout the country This fraternity is now seeking to cooperate with the National Negro Business League in building and encouraging Negro business. Sigma is raising considerable funds this year with which to pay the expense of sending a Sigma-Haitian Commossion to Haiti and to the Virgin Islands for the purpose of making a first-hand study of conditions there and to make a true and impartial report of the same. Aside from carrying on the regular business of the fraternity, there will be two open meetings during the conclave at St. Louis, at which prominent men of the race will deliver addresses. On Tuesday, December 27, Dr. M. W. Dogans, president of Wiley College, Marshall, Tex., will address the convention and the citizens of St. Louis. At 2:00 o'clock Wednesday, December 28 Mr. Albon L. Holsey, secretary of the National Negro Business League and secretary to Dr. R. R. Moton, Tuskegee Institute, Ala., will address the convention and the citizens of St. Louis. Arthur W. Mitchell, national president of the fraternity, assures the chapters and the citizens of St. Louis that this convention, from a standpoint of interest, constructive program and substantial work, will far eclipse any previous convention of its kind.

PHI BETA SIGMA MEETS IN ST. LOUIS

Conclave Will Be Held December 25-29 With Kappa Sigma Chapter

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity will hold its annual Conclave with Kappa Sigma Chapter, St. Louis, Mo., December 25-29. This fraternity has fifty graduate and undergraduate chapters representing most of the large colleges where colored students are in attendance. Its program for the year of 1927 has been especially interesting. Interest in building up Bigger and Better Negro Business through the celebration of Bigger and Better Business Week, has been felt throughout the country. This fraternity is now seeking to co-operate with the National Negro Business League in building and encouraging Negro business. Sigma is raising considerable funds this year with which to pay the expense of sending a Sigma-Haitian Commission to Haiti and to the Virgin Islands for the purpose of making a first hand study of conditions there, and to make a true and impartial report of the same.

Aside from carrying on the regular business of the fraternity, there will be two open meetings during the conclave in St. Louis, at which prominent men of the race will deliver addresses. On Tuesday, December 27 Dr. M. W. Dogans, president of Wiley College, Marshall, Texas, will address the convention and the citizens of St. Louis. At 2 o'clock Wednesday, December 28, Mr. Albion L. Holsey, secretary of the National Negro Business League, and Secretary to Dr. R. R. Moton, Tuskegee Institute, Ala., will address the convention and the citizens of St. Louis. Arthur W. Mitchell, national president of the fraternity assures the chapters and the citizens of St. Louis that this convention from a standpoint of interest, constructive program, and substantial work, will far eclipse any previous convention of its kind.

GREEK LETTER FRATERNITY

Prominent Professional and Business Men Organize

GRADUATE CHAPTER OF THE PHI BETA SIGMA HERE WILL BE OUTSTANDING FRATERNITY

Some of the most prominent professional and business men of Nashville, Tennessee met last evening Nov. 22, 1927 and organized a graduate chapter of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. The personnel of this chapter is composed of some of the most prominent and leading physicians, dentists, business men and teachers from Fisk, Meharry and other various institutions of learning in Nashville.

The officers elected for the chapter are: Dr. R. B. Jackson, President; Dr. D. H. Turpin, Vice President; Mr. Earl Windell, Secretary; Prof. S. M. Stamps, Cor. Secretary; Rev. W. Spencer Carpenter, Chaplain; Dr. W. E. Pannell, Parliamentarian; Dr. G. L. Meadors, Sergeant at Arms, and Dr. E. B. Jefferson, Chairman Executive Committee.

Some of the members are: Prof. St. Elmo Brady, Dr. J. W. Bright, Prof. Washington, Dr. T. H. Elliott, Rev. L. R. W. Johnson, Dr. Pattero, Dr. J. E. Jones, A. Davis, Dr. J. H. Holman, Dr. S. Jefferson, Rev. J. H. Garnett, Rev. Dr. J. A. Martin, Dr. J P. Hickman and Dr. J. H. Elston.

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Finer Womanhood Week Observed By Sorority

The week ending February 27 was observed as "Finer Womanhood Week" by the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, and Doralyne Spence, editor, Epsilon Chapter, summarizes activities of Epsilon girls.

Soror Ruth Hodges is appointed to city public health work; Soror Zora Neale Hurston is doing field work in Florida for the American Ethnological Society of Research; Soror Lydia Mason, holder of a Juliard Foundation Scholarship for pianoforte study, has played recital programs at Talladega and Fisk Universities, and Miss Spence was the only race member of the cast of "Stigma," presented at Cherry Lane Theatre in Greenwich Village.

Epsilon Chapter rounded up the week with a tea at home of Miss Hodges on Sunday, February 27, from 3 to 6 p. m.

PHI BETA SIGMAS SPONSOR BETTER BUSINESS WEEK

"Bigger and Better Business Week" will be observed throughout the country next week under the auspices of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity. This will be the second annual observance of this movement which was authorized at the 1925 convention of the fraternity.

The movement was started for the purpose of encouraging more patronage for Negro business and to stimulate more students to take up business training. The "week" last year was widely observed.

The local chapter of the fraternity has arranged a program for this year that takes in all elements of Negro business life. Beginning with Monday, April 4, programs will be given at the various community center branches.

Programs for the Week

The program calls for meetings Monday, April 4, at Birney Community Center, Anacostia; Tuesday, April 5, Burrville Community Center, Deanwood; Cleveland Community, Eighth and T streets, northwest; Phillips Community Center, 28th and N streets, northwest; Thursday, April 7, Dunbar High School; Lovejoy School, 12th and D streets, northeast.

The campaign will conclude with a mass meeting at Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, Fifteenth and M streets, northwest, Sunday, April 10 at 3 p.m. Among those who will speak are Neval Thomas, William O. Walker, editor of The Washington Tribune; R. H. Rutherford, president the National Benefit Insurance Company; J. Percy Bond, supervisor, Victory Life Insurance Company; Zeph P. Moore, Mortimer M. Harris, William A. Bowie, cashier Industrial Savings Bank and Miss Nannie H. Burroughs.

Professor Victor J. Tulane of Howard University, will preside.

Phi Beta Sigma Holds Confab In North Carolina

Conditions In Haiti and Virgin Islands to Be Investigated by Committee.

GREENSBORO, N. C., Dec. 30.—Phi Beta Sigma fraternity has just held its thirteenth annual conclave at A. & T. College, Greensboro, N. C., with Eta and Gamma Delta Sigma chapters. Forty-five chapters were represented, either by delegate or by letter. This was by far the largest meeting of its kind ever held by this fraternity. Scores of prominent Sigma men, in addition to the large number of delegates, were in attendance.

The program was begun Sunday. The annual sermon was preached by the Rt. Rev. W. J. Walls, bishop of the A. M. E. Zion Church. Welcome addresses were delivered on behalf of the citizens of Greensboro, by Mr. M. E. Patterson, Attorney General W. Mitchell, Prof. J. A. Grimes, vice-president of A. & T. College, and Mayor Jeffress. Response was made by the general president.

Business sessions opened Monday morning, December 27. The registration of delegates was begun; reports from the general officers were made, showing tremendous progress for the year. Chapters reported $10,554.92 had been raised since the last convention. Five new chapters have been established. The membership has been increased from 1,200 to 1,800. Several Sigma homes have been bought; other houses have been opened. Remarkable progress was shown along all lines. On Monday afternoon, Prof. Chas. William, Jr., of Howard University delivered an address on the study of German. The reports on bigger and better business week showed that substantial work is being done to encourage business among the Negroes of the country.

Tuesday afternoon, Dr. Alain Locke of Washington, D. C., addressed the convention in his usual philosophical and interesting way. The convention, at the suggestion of the general president, took notice of the conditions alleged to exist in Haiti and in the Virgin Isles. At his suggestion, the fraternity appointed a commission composed of three men to investigate conditions in Haiti and the Virgin Islands and to report same. Funds for this purpose are being raised by the general fraternity and large contributions are being made by members of the commission appointed.

The next session of the convention will be held in St. Louis, Mo. The entertainment of the conventions by the chapters in Greensboro and by A. & T. college was of such nature as to create in the delegates a desire to return at the earliest possible time.

THE PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY TO HOLD GREATER AND BIGGER NEGRO BUSINESS WEEK—APRIL 3-10

The Phi Beta Sigma fraternity will hold its annual Greater and Bigger Negro Business Week movement, April 3-9.

The various chapters of the fraternity, by speeches at different schools and churches will give boost to the patronage of Negro business. This movement was inaugurated three years ago in a meeting in Philadelphia and each year members of the fraternity are sent out to tell why we as a race should patronize Negro enterprises and businesses.

The committee of the Kappa Chapter on GREATER and BIGGER NEGRO WEEK is composed of Dr. W. B. Reed, Prof. Washington of Walden University, Mr. Charles of Fisk University, Mr. Beckett and Leroy Jackson of Meharry.

Zeta Phi Beta Observes "Finer Womanhood" Week

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 27—Finer womanhood movement which is being observed by the Zeta Phi Beta sorority comes to a close Sunday, February 27th. This movement, lasting a week, is held annually by the sorority, beginning this year Monday, February 21st. The opening was ushered in by a majority of the chapters entertaining at teas, luncheons, lectures and other observances.

The movement aims to help lift the American Negro woman to her rightful place by arousing within her a deeper appreciation of the finer things in life and awakening her dormant powers. The gamut of womanly interests and attributes, including morals, scholarship, religion and the home, will be covered by lectures and papers in observing this week. Sunday will see many able speakers closing the programs of the various chapters.

The sorority is now six years old, having been organized at Howard University in 1920. At present there are twenty chapters throughout the country. The sixth annual conclave of the Zeta Phi Beta sorority was held December 26th to 31st, in Chicago, the guest of Zeta Zeta chapter. The 1927 conclave will be in Richmond, Virginia.

Chi [illegible] Fraternity To Convene Tues.

Sixth Annual Convention Of Medical Fraternity Will Be Called To Order By Dr. G. B. Key, Pres.

The sixth annual national convention of the Chi Delta Mu medical fraternity will convene in St. Louis Tuesday for a four day session [illegible] business sessions and brilliant social events will attend the meeting. The local chapter of the organization of which Dr. G. B. Key is the president will act as host.

National officers of the fraternity are Dr. [illegible] Washington, Pres.; Dr. J. L. Baxter, N. J., Grand Organizer; Dr. W. C. McNiel Treas.; Dr. W. H. [illegible], St. Louis, Secty.

Officers of the local chapter are Dr. G. B. Key, Pres.; Dr. Troy W. Lennox, Secty.; Dr. Field Blevins, Treas.

THREE ELECTED TO PI KAPPA LAMBDA

Music Instructors Achieve Membership In Oberlin Honorary Society

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 13.—Three Howard University music instructors were honored Friday, when they received notice of their election to the Pi Kappa Lambda, an honorary music society of Oberlin College, Ohio. The persons to win recognition were Miss Lulu V. Childers, director; Mr. Roy W. Tibbs, professor of piano and organ, and Miss Camille Nickerson, instructor in theory and practice of music.

The Pi Kappa Lambda honorary musical fraternity was established "to provide an organization dedicated to the furtherance of musical education." membership in which shall be open to honor graduates of music schools and departments of higher musical learning. Its prime object is the encouragement of eminent achievement in performance or original composition. To that end special emphasis is placed upon the maintenance of curricula so designed as to insure the utmost development in the applied branches of music.

KANSAS U. GIRL AWARDED A PHI BETA KAPPA KEY

LAWRENCE, Kan., April 6—Miss Hazel Brown, a young colored girl of Kansas City, Mo., has been named for initiation into the Phi Beta Kappa honorary society as result of her high scholastic achievement at Kansas University.

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New York, April [illegible]—Arthur Paul Davis, negro, of Hampton, Va., is one of thirty-seven 1926 alumni elected to the Columbia chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, highest scholastic award in the college. Davis was said by Professor J. Carman, acting head of the chapter, to be the first negro admitted to the Columbia chapter. Davis has worked his way almost entirely through school.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorors Give Pleasing Drama

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 7.—Before a large and appreciative audience at the Bijou theater on New Year's day, the Lambda chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta sorority, assisted by members of the Kappa chapter of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, presented a five-act drama, "The Fruit of His Folly."

The cast was composed of W. H. Johnson, B. S., Va. Union, the leading character; W. K. Beckett, Ph. B., Brown U., a man of the world; J. W. Jones, B. S., Va. Union, a country farmer; G. T. DeLoatch, B. S., Va. Union, a true friend; A. A. Harris, B. S., A. and T. College; H. Radford, A. B., Wilev; Miss M. J. Harwell, A. B., Fisk, the leading lady; Mrs. O. J. Cole, A. B., Fisk, a society pet; Mrs A Turpin and Miss L Parker, pursuing A. B. course at Fisk; Miss A. B. Kirk, librarian at Meharry.

The play was directed by Miss L. M. Averitte, graduate of the department of dramatics at U. of Chicago and now head of the department of dramatics at A. and I. State college, assisted by Miss S. T. Northcutt of the department of dramatics at A. and I. State college.

The presentation of the drama was managed by Mrs. S. A. Elliot, secretary to the president of Meharry Medical college.

Music was rendered by Joe Thomas' Seven Spots orchestra and the Phi Beta Sigma quartet.

ZETAS FOR NEW YORK

CHICAGO, (ANP)—The Zeta Phi Beta, sorority in its seventh annual session here, picked New York as the place of next meeting.

Delegates were dinner guest of Mrs. Anna E. Malone, of Poro College, St. Louis, at her Chicago residence, where a cuisine was served by a special staff imported from St. Louis with Mr. Stone of Poro College, in charge.

Newly elected officers include president, Mrs. Ruth Scruggs, Buffalo, N. Y.; vice-presidents, Edythe Green of Philadelphia, and Marrietta Buford, of Marshall, Texas; financial secretary, Corrine Osborne, Nashville; Lucille J. Wilson, treasurer, Washington, D. C., and Editor Winonah Harvey of New Rochelle, N. Y.

PHI BETA SIGMA PLAN BUSINESS WEEK PROGRAM

Better business week, sponsored by the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, will be conducted under the auspices of the Tau Chapter in Birmingham during the week dedicated by the fraternity. At a meeting of the chapter Feb. 8, plans were made to follow up the last year's celebration with a program equally as good.

The attendance of the full membership in every way have the impress of enthusiastic support for the program outlined.

Officers elected to steer the chapter's fortunes for the year were: E. W. Taggart, President; G. A. Payne, Vice President; P. D. Jackson, Secretary; R. J. Brown, Treasurer; A. G. Dobbins, Parliamentarian; Charles McGregor, Chaplain; A. C. Clemons, Sergeant-at-Arms.

A very interesting address by Dr. Holman, of Nashville, Tenn., followed the election and installation of officers. Plans for observing Better Business Week are soon to be announced by a committee appointed to attend to this.

DELTA SIGMA THETA ELECTS OFFICRS

Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 12.—One hundred delegates and visiting members were present at the eighth annual convention of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Cincinnati was most hospitable, the local committee's arrangements perfect and the social affairs brilliant. This convention represents the end of the Grand Chapter's most constructive year. Dorothy Pelham Beckley, Washington, D. C., grand chapter president for three years, refused reelection. The following grand chapter officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Ethel Calimese, Cincinnati; first vice president, Anna J. Thompson, Washington; second vice president, Vivian O. Marsh, Berkley, Cal.; secretary, L. Beatrice Morton, Cincinnati; treasurer, Annie M. Dingle, New York City; journalist, Madree Penn White, St. Louis, Mo..

Washington, D. C., was unanimously chosen as the next place of meeting.

Greensboro, N. C.—Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity has just closed its thirteenth annual convention at the A. & T. College, Greensboro, N. C. This convention was, by far, the most successful meeting of its kind ever held by this group of college men. Phi Beta Sigma is the youngest of the four Colored Greek Letter Fraternities. At this convention, 45 Chapters were represented, composed of 2,000 men, in 25 States and represnting most of the leading colleges in the country where colored men are in attendance.

The first session was held Sunday, Dec. 26th, at St. Matthews M. E. Church. A splendid musical program was rendered and the annual sermon was preached by Bishop W. J. Walls. Sunday evening at the A. & T. College chapel, welcome addresses were delivered on behalf of Eta Chapter by Mr. M. E. Patterson; on behalf of Gamma Beta Sigma, Attorney G. W. Mitchell; on behalf of A. & T. College, Prof. Grimes, vice president of A. & T. College, representing the president; on behalf of Citizens of Greensboro and the State of North Carolina, Mayor Jeffries. Response on the part of the fraternity by General President, Arthur W. Mitchell, of Washington, D. C. The mayor in his remarks acknowledged that the future leadership of the Negro race is represented in the young Negro college man. He assured the convention that harmony, peace and good-will existed among the people of North Carolina, perhaps in a larger degree than is true of any other Southern state. He took pride in the fact that North Carolina recognizes the theory that the Negro must be educated in order to develop a strong citizenry in that state. General President Mitchell in response to the remarks of the mayor, among other things, said, "We thank God that the day has come when the white man of the South is willing to concede the Negro the right to think and to express his thoughts regarding the welfare of his race and the nation. He reminded the mayor that for a long time, it was the custom of the white race to seek information regarding the Negro among the cooks, butlers and chauffers, none of whom were prepared to express the thoughts and feelings of the Negro. Negro college men are binding themselves together for the purpose of developing that wholesome and forward looking leadership which is destined to aid the Negro in taking his place in the social civic, political and economic movements of this nation and of the world.

Monday's sessions were given over to hearing reports from chapters and from general officers. The reports showed that more than 600 men had been added to the ranks during the year, five new chapters had been organized and more than $15,000 had been raised. The secretary-treasurer reported a balance on hand of more than $1,200. An address on the study of German was delivered by Prof. Charles Williams, Jr., assistant professor in German, Howard University. Monday night at inter-fraternal smoker was held in the assembly room of Agricultural building, A. & T. College, where more than 200 men listened to greetings from the Omegas, the Kappas and the Alphas. Vice President Dr. C. L. Roberts presided at this meeting. General President Arthur W. Mitchell responded in a fitting address to greetings from the visiting fraternities, after which the convention was entertained at an informal dance given by the Omega fraternity.

Tuesday, Dr. Alain Locke spoke from the subject, "The Challenge to the Young Negro College Man." Thi address was profound and interesting At the suggestion of the general president, a resolution was passed condemning lynchings in this country and endorsing a federal anti-lynching law. A committee headed by President Mitchell was appointed to draw up fitting resolutions and present the same to a Congressional committee, and to seek a hearing before a committee should such a bill be introduced during this congress. The convention voted to take a like scholarship in the association for the study of Negro history of which Dr. Carter G. Woodson is director and manager, and to give $27.50 toward the erection of a hospital in Greensboro. President Mitchell, in his annual address, recommended the appointment of a commission to visit Haiti and the Virgin Islands, to make a study of conditions existing in these parts of the country and to report the same with recommendations. About $2,000 was subscribed by members of the convention to help defray the expenses of this commission. The appointment of the commission was agreed upon. President Mitchell was empowered to serve on the commission, the other members to be appointed by him with the approval of the board.

The formal dance of the fraternity, formerly an all Sigma affair was opened to members of other fraternities and was held in the spacious dining room of the A. & T. College Tuesday night.

The following officers were elected: General President, Arthur W. Mitchell, Washington, D. C.; General Vice President, C. L. Roberts, Toledo, Ohio; General Secretary-Treasurer, Thomas H. Reid, Portsmouth, Va.; General Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, V. C. Hodges, Norfolk, Va.; General Field Secretary, J. W. Lewis, Washington, D. C.; General Editor, C. V. Troup, Atlanta, Ga.

The next session of the convention will be held in St. Louis, Mo.

The final dance was given in the auditorium, Raleigh, N. C.. Raleigh, through the mayor, contributed $50.00 toward the expense of the entertainment in Raleigh.

PHI BETA SIGMA HONORS LOCKE

Noted Scholar Addresses Large Gathering at Nashville

Nashville, Tenn., April 15.—Sigma mansion was the scene of jollification Saturday evening, April 9, when the Kappa chapter of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity played the part of host at a smoker given in honor of its worthy and illustrious frater, Alvain Leroy Locke, D. Litt., Ph. D.

Dr. Locke is spending a week-end in Nashville delivering a series of lectures on "The New Negro" (his latest publication) at Fisk university.

His lectures were very largely attended. An undercurrent of regret ran through the whole audience when the concluding remarks were made, and everyone returned home convinced that he had listened to one of the most fluent and learned speakers of the Race.

Dr. Locke is a graduate of Harvard university, and as a result of winning a Rhodes scholarship was sent from there to the University of Oxford, England, where he earned the degree of Doctor of Literature. On his return to America he became head of the department of philosophy at Howard university, Washington, D. C., and at the end of a few years he reached his zenith, obtaining the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from Harvard university. Up to the present date he is the only Rhodes scholar of the Race.

At the smoker he gave some personal advice to his fraters on "fraternity management from a business point of view." A short program was presented and light refreshments served. The Sigma quartet, consisting of Brothers Keenan, Banks, Parks and Graham, sang.

A record attendance was registered, there being about 180 fraters. Some of the notables were: Dr. Brown of the A. M. E. publishing board; Dr. Turpin, dean of Meharry dental department; Dr. Reed of the dental faculty; Dr. J. W. Ellston, interne at Hubbard hospital; Dr. V. G. Tolbert, head of the anatomical department; Prof. G. B. Washington of Walden university; Prof. Stamps of A. and I. college, and Dr. Jefferson, surgeon-dentist, of Nashville, of all of whom the fraternity is very proud.

Among those on the program were: J. W. Jones, president of the chapter; Brother Washington, Dr. Locke, Dr Tolbert, Dr. Brown, Dr. Turpin, Dr. Jefferson, Brother Hunter and Brother Wilbur E. Pannell.

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FRATERNITY ADJOURNS.

Kappa Alpha Psi, Colored Collegiate Group, Ends Session.

Kappa Alpha Psi, colored national collegiate fraternity, closed its sixteenth annual convention here yesterday with the annual election of officers and the selection of Detroit as the 1927 convention city. A luncheon given by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, a dance given by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity yesterday afternoon and the final promenade at the Murray Casino last night closed the social program.

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: Grandpolemarch, Earl B. Dickerson, Chicago; senior grand vice polemarch, Leon A. Ransom, Columbus, Ohio; junior grand vice polemarch, William Warfield, jr., Washington; grand keeper of records and exchequer, J. Ernest Wilkins, Chicago; grand strategist, T. L. Curry, Atlanta, Ga.; grand lieutenant strategist, Page C. Moore, Iowa City, Iowa; grand historian, George D. Davis, Wilberforce, Ohio, and grand board of directors, A. A. Alexander, Des Moines, Iowa; William B. Savoy, Institute, W. Va.; H. A. Tumes, New York, and R. L. Daley, Indianapolis.

PHI BETA SIGMA ADDS CHAPTER AT MOREHOUSE

Phi Beta Sigma, a national Greek Letter Fraternity, is shining out more and more as a star of the first magnitude. It is establishing chapters in most of the prominent colleges and universities. Very recently Chi Chapter was established with official recognition at Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga.

The organization has many noted characters who stand out pre-eminently among their contemporaries. Among them are: Geo. W. Carver, the noted scientist at Tuskegee; Dr. Alain Locke, a Rhodes scholarship man, and Dr. R. R. Moton, principal of Tuskegee. Hence, it is very necessary that this program of extension be taken into the leading colleges and universities in order that it will be more susceptible to get men who are capable of perpetuating the ideals as fostered by these celebrities.

Morehouse College is the only institution in the far South that has the proud distinction of having connected with it the four colored Greek Letter Fraternities. This institution is inevitably destined to be the pride of the swift growing South. Chi Chapter under the sagacity of its leadership is endeavoring to play its part well in disseminating the ideals of the Fraternity and in the meantime to be a mutual help to the institution with which it is a part.

"GO TO HI SCHOOL, GO TO COLLEGE WEEK" MAY 1-7

Alpha Phi Alpha Announces Opening of Annual Higher Education Campaign

(Special to Journal and Guide)

Atlanta, Ga.—The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity will conduct its eighth annual "Go to High School, Go To College Campaign" the week of May 1-7. The effort that will be made this year by the members of the Fraternity to carry the message of the value of high school and college education to every parent and child who can possibly be reached, promises to be the most intensive and far-reaching than any of the former campaigns. The machinery for the drive was officially set in motion during the past month when the general president of the fraternity issued the proclamation designating the week of May 1-7 as the time for the co-operative work of all the members.

During this week 70 chapters of the Alpha Phi Alpha, located in states extending from Rhode Island on the north to Florida on the South and from New York and Massachusetts on the east to California on the west will be jointly engaged in a modern crusade against one of the most dreadful foes to the progress of mankind—ignorance. While this movement is sponsored by a fraternity whose membership is made up of college men of the Negro race, the effort has a national significance and aims, through the enlargement of educational opportunity, to promote better understanding among the people of the entire country.

State Managers Appointed

Thirty-one State campaign managers have already been appointed and each one has worked out through the chapters under his direction, an active organization that will carry the message to every nook and corner in the territory.

In every city where chapters are located and where active members are living, meetings and conferences will be held with students and parents, literature will be distributed, and where possible, messages will be broadcasted by radio. During the week one big mass meeting will be held at which time a competent speaker will deliver a worth while message to the general public. This meeting will be announced in all local papers and every reader is invited and urged to attend. There is no doubt that such a movement deserves the concerted backing of every minister, educator, social worker, and members of the other professions, and with such backing, the results, measured in educational betterment, will be far-reaching.

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SEE EDUCATION AS DOOM OF COLOR LINE

Education is the only hope of the negro to erase the "color line," according to speakers who addressed a meeting sponsored by Iota Chapter, the Syracuse University branch of Alpha Pi Alpha, national negro fraternity, at the A. M. E. Zion Church Sunday.

Cecil G. Cook, star of the Orange track team and intercollegiate quarter-mile champion, was one of those who urged the advantages of education for the negro, in line with a "Go to high school, go to college" compaign which the fraternity has under way.

Clarence Maloney, of Buffalo, who was graduated by Syracuse in 1920, declared that the negro has been the victim of an era of nationalism which has swept the world in the last 10 centuries. When racial groups were formed by people of varying characteristics, he pointed out, those with sable skin and frizzled hair naturally banded together and established the Ethiopian race.

"This was all very well for the time being, but the nationalistic spirit, effervescent in its energy, became overripe, to the disadvantage of the negro. Ostracized, enslaved and segregated, the negro put wo questions to himself, 'did he have the spirit to free himself of bondage?' and 'was he prepared to cope with the problems certain to come after freedom?

"Evidencing the fact that he had the spirit, the negro found that he still had a great problem to overcome, namely, the 'color line.' Could he overcome it by the hard, vicious struggle with which he overcame his days on bondage? Possible, but not probable.

"This problem must be approached by a different method, that of education. But he must have preparation for that education, thus Alpha Phi Alpha instituted this wonderful and unselfish program having for its slogan 'go to high school, go to college.'

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EDUCATION HOPE OF NEGRO TO END COLOR LINE BAR

Clarence Maloney Declares Race Has Spirit for Struggle.

FRATERNITY SPEAKER

Alpha Phi Alpha Hears Buffalo Attorney at Mass Meeting.

Education is the hope of the Negro in his struggle to break down the color line, Clarence Maloney, Buffalo attorney, told members of Iota chapter, Syracuse university branch of Alpha Phi Alpha, national Negro fraternity, in an address at A. M. E. Zion church yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Maloney was principal speaker at the eighth annual "go to high school, go to college" campaign meeting. He graduated from Syracuse university in 1920 and is a former teacher of economics and sociology at Virginia Union university.

Mr. Maloney sees the ostracism of the Negro race as a result of an "era of nationalism' which has swept over the world within the last 10 centuries.

"Races were formed because of certain characteristics," he said, 'and thus the group with sable skins and frizzled hair was banded together and called the Negro race.

Spirit Went Too Far.

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Need Race Consciousness.

Other speakers included President Arthur L. Royster, Secretary Cecil G. Cooke and Hugh I. Nanton, Vice-president Harris presided. Musical numbers were given by Ellsworth Hasbrouck and Miss Gladys Stewart.

Negroes need to develop a 'race consciousness" in order to better themselves, Mr. Nanton declared. Education and athletics were advocated by Mr. Royster and Mr. Cook as means toward this end.

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY BROADCASTS IDEALS OF BLACK WOMEN

CINCINNATI, Ohio.—Among the outstanding features of the recent eighth annual grand chapter conclave of Delta Sigma Sorority, which met in Cincinnati, Ohio, December 27 to December 30, 1926, was the splendid radio program given on December 28, at 8:15 p. m., from Garfield Hotel, over Station WFBE.

Dorothy Pelham Beckley, Washington, D. C., National president, spoke on the ideals of Delta as embodied in high scholarship, noble womanhood and worth-while achievement. Listeners-in praised her pleasing voice and the effectiveness with which the message was gotten over, and complimented as well the high artistry of the following musical program rendered:

1. Piano, "Rigoletto" Transcript (Verdi-Liszt), Miss Eloise Lowe, superintendent of music, public schools, Nashville, Tenn. 2. Voice (basso), "Thy Sentinel Am I" (Watson), "Cato's Advice," N. W. Ryder. 3. Quartet, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, "Oh, Lovely Night," a capello (Kremser); first soprano, Miss Marguerite Isby; second soprano, Miss Ruth Alston; first alto, Mrs. Lillian Drayton; second alto, Mrs. Mable L. Smith; Mrs. Anna Howard Matthews, Cosmopolitan School of Music, accompanist. 4. Three-Minute Talk, Mrs. Dorothy Beckley, Washington, D. C., National president Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. 5. Voice, "Exhortation," Will Marion Cooke, "Deep River," arranged by Burleigh, N. W. Ryder. 6. Piano, "Ballade in G Minor" (Chopin), Miss Eloise Lowe. 7. Quartet, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, "Bridal Chorus," from "Rose Maiden" (Cowen), Miss Anna Howard Matthews accompanist.

Seasongood, Mayor of Cincinnati, Welcomes the Convention

The public program and reception given at Mt. Zion M. E. Church Monday, December 27, was well attended. Mayor Seasongood gave a splendid speech of welcome, complimenting the Sorority on its constructive program, and urging that it stress the full participation in civic affairs by all women. "In this way only," said Mayor Seasongood, "can civic affairs be properly administered to the end that we all may reach a higher plane of living and enjoy to the full our inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Sorority Backs Negro History Drive and Circle for Peace and Foreign Relations

An appropriation was made by the grand chapter in response to the call sent out by the association for the study of Negro life and history, whose purpose it is to inculcate a higher appreciation of the Negro's contribution to civilization and to secure him the recognition belonging to all men:

1. By collecting, publishing, and popularizing the materials of Negro life and history; 2, By producing a series of historical stories, textbooks, and pictures depicting the civilization of the Negro in Africa and America; 3, By inducing boards of education to adopt these works as optional texts and supplementary works in public schools, and 4, By having libraries provide an adequate number of reference books presenting the various aspects of Negro life and history.

In order to co-operate with the Circle for Peace and Foreign Relations, a resolution was passed whereby the Sorority voted to appoint two representatives to serve on the American committee, to make an appropriation and to endorse their program for holding the fourth Pan-African Conference in New York next August.

Resolution Passed Endorsing Hallie Q. Brown's Book

A resolution was passed endorsing the recent book published by an honorary member of the Sorority, Hallie Q. Brown, and the book was placed on the study calendar for the year. The book bears the title "Homespun Heroines and Other Women of Distinction."

Officers for 1927

One hundred delegates and visiting members were present at the eighth annual convention of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Cincinnati was most hospitable, the local committee's arrangements perfect, and the social affairs brilliant. This convention represents the end of the Grand Chapter's most constructive year. Dorothy Pelham Beckley, Washington, D. C., grand chapter president for three years, refused re-election. The following grand chapter officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Ethel Calimese, Cincinnati, Ohio; first vice-president, Anna J. Thompson, Washington, D. C.; second vice-president, Vivian O. Marsh, Berkeley, California; secretary, L. Beatrice Morton, Cincinnati, Ohio; treasurer, Annie M. Dingle, New York City, N. Y.; journalist, Madree Penn White, St. Louis, Mo. Washington, D. C., was unanimously chosen as the next place of meeting.

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY HOLDS 8TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 5.—Delta Sigma Theta Sorority with 100 delegates and visiting members held its eighth annual conclave in Cincinnati, Ohio, December 27 to 31. This convention represents the end of its most constructive year as a grand chapter organization. Dorothy Pelham Beckley, Washington, D. C., grand chapter president for three years, refused re-election.

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OMEGAS ADD KAPPA PSI AS NEW CHAPTER

The professional students of the Omega fraternity at Howard University, announce the formation of a new chapter, chartered as the Kappa Psi. This chapter is composed of Omega students in the professional and graduate schools of the university.

The members who have been elected to offices in the new chapter are: Montague Cobb, basileus; Floyd Green, keeper of records and seals; Lincoln Johnson, keeper of finance; Harold Horace Fitchett, chapter editor.

The chapter has begun its activities with a membership of forty-five professional and graduate students. All Omega fraternity members will become affiliated with Kappa Psi as they enter the several professional and graduate schools of the university.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Gives Play

The annual play of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority entitled, "Stepping Out," will be presented at the Goodman theatre on Saturday night, June 4th, at 8:30 p. m. sharp. This annual presentation by these remarkably talented young ladies of this active and most energetic and progressive sorority is an event looked forward to each year by the citizens of Chicago, regardless of social status, as outstanding and worthy of their united support, for aside from the always unique and meritorious amusement exchanged for the paltry price of admission and two and a half hours of time devoted to the enjoyment of their sprightly, vigorous, well staged, costumed and acted comedy, its objects, the bestowal of scolarships upon ambitious and worthy students, should of itself motivate our interest and support. Both graduate and undergraduate chapters are sponsoring and producing the play.

"Stepping Out" is a college play of mixed characters, both of which are impersonated by the talented stars making up a cast whose past performances and reputations as real artists has been demonstrated by them for the last few years by their most efficient interpretation of the respective characters assigned them in the rollicking farces and comedies they have heretofore presented.

"Stepping Out" is an amusing comedy having to do with some college individuals stepping out in the world of matrimony, with many ridiculous, perilous, laughable, trying situations filled with thrills, spills and quite unexpected dilemas. Those who are married, those who are contemplating marriage and those who are in neither of these classes will be amused, tickled, instructed and initiated into many intricacies and mysteries that confront those interested in the exciting, interesting state of matrimony, whether in or out of it.

Mary Brock, popular favorite of the Alpha's former plays and a star of real merit and ability, will fill the role of leading man. Virgil Mackey, likewise a notable and not new to Chicago patrons, but whose fineness as an amateur actress, will put many a professional to shame, is the leading lady.

In addition to a supporting cast, trained to perfection and experienced by participation in former local plays of the sorority, a vivatious, fractious, singing and a dancing chorus of angelic copyphees will dispell the gloom and add to the gala night their genius.

Mrs. Wendell E. Green is directress and Miss Mary Bruce is supervisor, and instructor of dancing.

Phi Beta Sigma Frat Meets In 13th Session In Greensboro, N. C.

Greensboro, N. C.—The 13th annual convention of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity was held here at A. & T. college, with 45 chcapters represented. The opening session on Sunday, December 26, was at St. Matthews M. E. Church, when Bishop W. J. Walls preached the annual sermon.

Sunday evening in the college chapel, welcome was extended by Mayor Jeffress and others, with a response by Arthur W. Mitchel of Washington general president.

Business sessions on Monday and Tuesday disclosed 600 new members, five new chapters, $15,000 raised, and a cash balance of $1,200. A federal anti-lynching law was endorsed, and $2,000 subscribed toward expense of a Commission to study conditions in Haiti and the Virgin Islands. The Commission to be headed by President Mitchell, who is to name the other members subject to approval of the executive board.

President Mitchell was reelected. Other officers are: C. L. Roberts, Toledo, O., vice president; Thomas H. Reid, Portsmouth, Va., secretary, treasurer; V. C. Hodges, Norfolk, Va., assistant; J. W. Lewis, Washington, field secretary; C. V. Troup, Atlanta, Ga., editor.

Next meeting at St. Louis, Mo.

Social events during the session included the formal fraternity dance, which broke away from precedent as an all-Sigma function and welcomed other fraternities; and a dance in the auditorium at Raleigh.

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Sons and Daughters of Barbados Society, Inc.

West Indian Societies Working Enthusiastically On Plans For Coming Conference Here

The Sons and Daughters of Barbados Society Inc. is bending every effort to make the coming conference of West Indian societies a marked success. Sunday evening before a large mixed audience at Christ Church Cathedral, Brooklyn, and through the courtesy of Archbishop Barrow, C. Jackman representing the Sons and Daughters of Barbados Society Inc., outlined in a clear, concise manner, how West Indian societies in this country, working together, can improve the economic and political status of their brothers at home, while improving their own status here and at the same time assisting their native-born brothers in their constant fight for the betterment of conditions for the entire racial group.

The speaker cited specific cases where Jews and Italians, when confronted with the same social and economic problems, had solved them to their own satisfaction solely thru their happy faculty of organization. Representatives of the following societies are showing keen interest in the work: British Jamaica Benevolent Association Inc., West Indian and American League Inc., Trinidad Benevolent Assn. Inc., British Guiana Society Inc., Windward Islands Progressive League, St. Lucia Benevolent Society Inc., Antigua Mutual Benevolent Society, Nevis Benevolent Society, Sons and Daughters of Barbados, Montserrat Mutual Society, United Son and Daughters of the Islands Inc., Sons and Daughters of St. Christopher Inc., Grenada Mutual Benevolent Society and United Victoria Society, Inc.

Supreme Grand Temple.

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SUPREME GRAND TEMPLE EXPLAINS WORK OF NEGRO BROTHERHOOD MOVEMENT

Race Building Feature of Program —Urges Race Employment and Patronage. Emphasize Need For More Business Enterprises. Encouraging Efficiency. Cites Fruthful Results. Echoes From Pittsburg Meeting. New Officers Appointed. Applicants Reported. Other News.

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Back of the whole Negro Brotherhood Movement is simply an urge for Race building, and those tnrolling as members become known as Race Builders. And Why? Because the law of the survival of the fittiest applies the same to races as it does to individuals. It is imperitive that to make its place in the sun and retain it, a race must engage itself in a race building program and direct all its efforts in that direction if ever it hopes to earn the respect of other Races and Nations. This Movement was given birth in Dallas four years ago, and slowly but steadly it has found sympathetic response in nearly every portion of the state. It has become the main topic of discussion in all classes of Dallas Negro life and is attracting to its ranks all thoughtful men and women who are 100 per cent Race Negroes and are satisfied to be and remain within their Race. One thing is certain: This Race Building idea must begin now if the Negro ever hopes to establish a definite, distinct economic place of dignity among other racial groups.

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Dallas Negroes are showing signs of an early awakening. Many outstanding citizens are beginning to put the idea into actual operation even at extra expense at times. Such worthy cases as that of Dr. J. W. Anderson, and Dr. [illegible] Pinkston, who are now having their new buildings erected entirely by Negroes (Claud Lasier, Ed McRuffin, Fred D. Proctor, J. W. Franklin, and others—all Brotherhood men) are cited as definite examples. Other forms of Race patronage is reported as being on the increase, all because of the unceasing agitation and undercurrent activities of the (unknown) members of the "Committee of Twelve" of the ever watchful Negro Brotherhood Movement. This "groupe" has already entered upon a more extensive program outlined since the meeting at Pittsburg, Texas, and it is now being urged by Supreme Headquarters that Brotherhood Temples elsewhere adapt some similar Race building program and begin its actual operation. This organization is no sort of a lodge or other fraternal order. It is purely a Race Building Movement and is intended to point the way to Race Building by those now living in the interest and for the benefit of those yet unborn. It is also being urged that Negro business enterprises and professional men and mechanics be introduced into Negro communities where there are none, and to increase and improve those already established. Any one wishing to become a local deputy to organize a local Temple will address; Supreme Grand President, 2318 Hall Street, Dallas, Texas.

To the Supreme Headquarters at Dallas, many are already writing in for information, and among some who are now in the act of organizing local Temples are Rev. Knight of Cason; Mrs. Nona Johnson, of Glenwood; Mr. A. Wright of Corsicana; Mr. P. G. Wright of Leesburg; Mr. S. M. McGee of Lindale, and others. New deputies appointed are as follows: Builders J. L. Finney, John Fisher, Tilmon Birdine, B. T. Trammell, P. G. Wright, J. C. Criner, and L. R. Whitmore. Supreme Grand Directors just appointed are Builders Moses Champion; Dr. O. A. Croll, Sam Wells, Rosa B. Jackson. Others are yet to be appointed. The new annual sermon law will go into effect this year and the exact date (which this year will take the form some what of a memorial to the late M. M. Rodgers, the greatest exponent of Race cooperation of Texas) will be announced later. Some of the recent applicants, are: Nona Johnson, A. A. Porters, George Hudson, Collins Wallace, Allie Jackson, Ester Borber, Harry McConnick, Saphronia Harton, Charlie Burke, C. E. Harrison, Cordine Wyatt, Luke Mitchell, Marion Porter, Claud Lasier, J. W. Franklin, H. S. Lawson, V. T. Tubbs, Tom Jackson, Corine Recor, and Tom Lewis.

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Supreme Lodge of Good Samaritans.

Samaritans Have $250,000 In Assets

Order Has Total Membership Seventeen Thousand

$76,000 CASH ON HAND

$37,000 Paid Out Last Year In Death Claims

After a two day session the Improved Order of Good Samaritans and Daughters of Samaria ended their thirteenth annual grand lodge session yesterday. The sessions were held at Tabernacle Baptist church and were attended by more than 200 delegates from all sections of the state.

Grand Chief T. K. Persley of Macon presided at the meetings which were very interesting and largely attended. Merday morning's sessions were consumed mainly by the appointment of offices and committees and the work of the credential committee. The meeting adjourned for dinner after the work of the committee in conferring grand lodge degrees had been completed. In the afternoon the lodge was engaged in the discussion of various topics of interest to the order, chief among which were "Our New Method of Getting New Business," led by Master of Ceremonies R. B. Harris; "The Development of Our Juvenile Business," led by the grand chief; "The Purpose of our District Meetings and Our New Method for this Operation," led by Grand Secretary W. H. Harris, M. D., of Athens, and "Our Death Claim Laws and their Enforcement," led by D. P. Young.

Tuesday morning and afternoon sessions were taken up with routine business and at night a public exercise, preceded by a street parade, was held at the church.

Wednesday morning found the grand lodge listening to the annual reports of the officers which showed the order to be in excellent condition. The report of Grand Secretary-Treasurer Harris was particularly enlightening and was received with much applause. It showed that the order has assets which total $250,000, in which is included the headquarters building in Athens, a beautiful and commodious three story brick structure located on one of the principal streets of the city, and $76,000 in cash. The organization has a yearly income of $70,000 and to the beneficiaries of the 105 members who died during the past year the order paid out $37,000. The order has a membership of 17,000 who are distributed among the 400 adult and 100 juvenile lodges throughout the state. A total of $70,000 for all purposes was paid out during the year. The order was founded by the Grand Secretary Harris. The local arrangements for the grand lodge were in charge of a committee headed by the Rev. J. S. Moody.

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NEGROES TO HOLD NATIONAL SESSION

Grand Lodge Good Samaritans and Daughters.

IN CAPITAL CITY

Delegates to Come From Far Distant Points to Meeting This Week.

The national grand lodge of Good Samaritans and the Daughters of Samaria meets to... night at 8:30 o'clock at the Metropolitan Bethel African Methodist church. Adjutant General James C. Dozier for the governor will welcome the delegates, who will come from points as far North as New England and as far South as the British West Indes, and Councilman S. F. Killingsworth will welcome in behalf of the city of Columbia.

The program will open with singing, followed by the invocation by the Rev. J. E. Beard. J. W. Brunson will introduce the master of ceremonies, the Rev. I. D. Davis, who will make a few introductory remarks.

The response to the welcome of General Dozier and Councilman Killingsworth will be made by Dr. J. A. White, national orator for the Good Samaritans, of Tampa, Fla. The welcome for the state grand lodge will be given by S. Morgan of Orangeburg and the response by J. B. Philips, national grand secretary, of Brunswick, Ga.

Lilly Long of Cheraw will welcome the Daughters of Samaria on behalf of the state grand lodge and the response will be by N. J. K. Craft, past national presiding daughter, of Jacksonville, Fla.

The Rev. D. H. Sims, president of Allen university, will welcome the convention on behalf of the organizations of the city. E. A. Gay of Philadelphia will make the response.

The welcome of the churches of Columbia will be delivered by the Rev. J. P. Washington and will be responded to by the Rev. J. A. Lindsay of Savannah.

Dr. L. M. Daniels will welcome them on behalf of the business and professional Negroes of Columbia, the response being made by Prof. J. S. Lee of Newport News, Va.

In the juvenile department, Eartherline Johnson of Sumter will present flowers to the national grand sire, Frazilla Martin of Eastover will present flowers to the national grand secretary and Leola Sutton of Camden will present them to the national grand treasurer. The grand officers will be presented by the Rev. M. Warley.

C. L. Thomas, national grand sire of Philadelphia, will attend the convention.

Music will be furnished by Lillian Williams, Prof. C. A. Lawton of Sumter, V. Clark, Margarette Smith and a choir composed of the singers of the Columbia churches.

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NEGRO FRATERNITY WILL END SESSIONS TONIGHT

Supreme Lodge of Good Samaritans Reports Active Membership of More Than 10,000.

Reports of deputies and subordinate officers showing assets of more than $48,000 for the order and no liabilities featured the second days' session of the annual convention of the Supreme Lodge of Good Samaritans, negro, held at the lodge building on Gaines street yesterday. More than 10,000 full-paid members are engaged in the lodge work, it was reported.

The principal speaker was Florence Williams, a worker for relief of tubercular sufferers. Following her address, the lodge contributed $100 for her work in Arkansas.

Supreme Officers Waterford, Hill and Porter were re-elected. Supreme Colonial Officers Waterford, Hill, Porter Bryant and Anna Baker, submitted their reports. Among visitors were: E. J. Reed, H. E. Carolina, D. C. White, H. Cullins and P. T. Fletcher. W. R. Springer was elected press reporter.

Installation of officers will feature today's session which will close with a torchlight parade in which the story of the Good Samaritan will be enacted by members of the lodge.

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United Order of St. Luke.

Grand United Order of St. Luke Celebrates Sixtieth Anniversary

Two Thousand People Gather and Pay Tribute to Maggie L. Walker—Has Served Order 30 Years.

The New York Amsterdam News

RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 23 (By Staff Correspondent of the Associated Negro Press).—A fiery cross was burned on the stage of the city auditorium here Wednesday night. In this instance, however, it was not the sign of the Ku Klux Klan or any other "America First" organization, but represented the emblem of the Independent Order of St. Luke, which celebrated its sixtieth anniversary and held its fifth biennial session here during the week. 8-24-27

Two thousand or more men and women gathered here to attend the convention and at the same time to pay homage to Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, the secretary-treasurer, who has served the organization as the directing head for more than thirty years. During this period she has merited the praise and confidence of the 100,000 members, scattered over twenty-two states, by developing the order, which had assets aggregating $31.40 thirty years ago, to the present status, when the organization boasts of actual assets totaling more than two million dollars.

The sessions were held at the Sixth Mt. Zion Baptist Church which was founded, organized and pastored by the late Dr. John Jasper, who gained fame by his declaration that "the sun do move."

Delegates from twenty-two states answered the roll call on Tuesday morning, when the convention proper was called to order by the Right Worthy Grand Chief, Mrs. Sarah A. Clark, New York City. While the reports from the field were of much interest to all, the outstanding feature and that which most delegates were interested in was the biennial report of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Maggie L. Walker.

In rendering her report Mrs. Walker outlined the history of the organization and heaped encomiums upon the late Mary Prout, who founded the order. According to the report, during the past two years the organization has increased its membership by some twenty thousand, has paid 2,280 death claims, which aggregated more than $210,000, and has increased the assets to more than $2,000,000.

These figures indicated the growth of the past but Mrs. Walker had a "few things in mind for the future." One of these "things," which was suggested and also adopted, was the establishment of an Educational Loan Fund, through which deserving young men and women might borrow from $300 to $500 to help them in their struggle for an education.

Another of those "things" which she has had in the back of her head was a program to encourage members, both juvenile and adult, to "save money." "Have a bank account," urged Mrs. Walker, who holds the reputation of being the first woman in the United States to be president of a bank.

The convention closed Thursday afternoon, when the national officers were installed. Mrs. Maggie L. Walker was re-elected secretary-treasurer of the organization. Mrs. Elizabeth White, Washington, D. C., right worthy grand chief, and Joshua Monroe, New Haven, Conn., right worthy grand vice-chief, were elected. Women really have the "upper hand" in this organization and are handling it with evident efficiency and effectiveness.

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URGES LOAN FUND TO HELP NEGROES

Money Would Be Used to Aid Education, Report Explains.

Formal welcome was extended to the two thousand or more delegates and visitors attending the convention of the Independent Order of St. Luke last night by business and professional men of Richmond. The speakers referred to the opportunities afforded the Negro here for advancement and the achievements of Negroes in Richmond were cited as indication of the spirit which permeates the city and State.

Interest today centered upon the pageant to be presented at the City Auditorium tonight at 8 o'clock. This pageant, which will set forth the 60 years of development of the organization, was written by Lillian H. Payne, who is connected with the executive office here. More than 500 persons, including a chorus of 300 voices, under the direction of C. V. Kelly, a graduate of Fisk University, will participate.

That the Independent Order of St. Luke is one of the strongest fraternal insurance organizations operated by Negroes was evident when Maggie L. Walker, right worthy grand secretary of the order, rendered her report, showing that during the last two years more than 2,000 death claims, aggregating more than $200,000, had been paid, that the assets of the order represented more than $2,000,000 and that the organization was more than 101.2 per cent solvent.

To promote the education of Negro children, the report urged the organization to create an educational loan fund.

Reports from the national officers showed that the order is growing rapidly, boasting of a membership of almost 100,000, with local circles in 22 States. The convention will close tomorrow night.

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United Race Builders of America

Mr. Edward L. Snyder Makes Pleasant Visit

Among the visitors in Nashville this week was Mr. Edward L. Snyder of St. Louis, Mo. Mr Snyder has had connection with some of the leading concerns in the United States. He spent more than twelve years at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, under the late Booker T. Washington, and then he went east and was located at Philadelphia, but for the past several years he has been headquartered at St. Louis, where he is at the head of the UNITED RACE BUILDERS OF AMERICA, a new organization which is incorporated under the laws of Missouri, with headquarters at 2607 Lawton Ave., St. Louis. The organization is "a society conceived and organized by men and women who realize that for an organization to meet with public approval it must fill some definite human needs. Ours is the spirit of the new Negro." While here, Mr. Snyder was in conference with a Globe representative, and stated that he was on his way to have a conference with some of the leading business men in the south. It is his plan to make this one of the largest organizations in the United States, so he stated while here.

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Wonderful Workers of the World.

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ANNUAL REPORTS GIVEN AT NEGRO LODGE MEET

Annual reports of officers on the condition of the Wonderful Workers of the World, negro fraternal organization in session here, were given in the meeting yesterday. J. H. Anderson, national grand supervisor, reported 381 lodges and temples since 1920, spoke of the purposes of the order and gave a brief history of its growth since the founding in 1920.

A. G. Roberson, national grand secretary, presented his report, showing that the order has 35,000 members. Brief talks, a program by the law-making body and a musical program last night completed the day's session. Reports of committees will be given this morning and a meeting of the national board will be held at 5 o'clock this afternoon. A street parade and field day exercises at Cotton Jammers' Park also will be held

NEWS
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NEGRO LODGE MEETING BEING CONDUCTED HERE

The seventh annual session of the state grand lodge, Wonderful Workers of the World, held its opening meeting last night by memoralizing 114 members who died since the last grand lodge. The sessions are being held at West Point Baptist Church, Rev. J. C. Calhoun, pastor, Thirtieth and Avenue M.

The memorial sermon was delivered by Rev. J. A. Sharpe, vice national supervisor of Nashvile, Tenn. Rev. A. D. Hendon, Galveston, was master of ceremonies during the night's program.

This meeting is for the state of Texas, but messengers and delegates are here from all sections of the country. A brass band from Fort Worth and a boys' and girls' drill corps are numbered with the departments of the order that are attending the grand session.

Last night's session was designated "Galveston Night."